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Founder, president and CEO of Diversity Training-Workplace Solutions Lindy Korn Esq. spoke in KJ Auditorium on Thursday about disibility disrimination.

DAG, Korn address 1990 Disabilities Act

by Chris Takacs '05
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NEWS WRITER

The Disability Action Group sponsored a Thursday night lecture by Lindy Korn, Esq., about the ethics of disability in the workplace. According to DAG, Lindy Korn "is the President, Founder, and CEO of Diversity Training-Workplace Solutions, Inc., a consulting firm which assists employers with employment related risks in a proactive manner by establishing fair operating procedures."

DAG invited Korn to speak at Hamilton College "because she's an expert on her field," said Jennifer Taransky '03, a member of the organization. "It would be a great way to build coalition outside of Hamilton."

Added Taransky, "DAG is a group committed to action towards equality for all people of all abilities. We bring a speaker every semester and host panels and workshops to bring awareness of disability issues to Hamilton and the surrounding area."

Lindy Korn is a "lawyer in discrimination litigation, a mediator in workplace dispute resolution, and counsel for the law offices of Siegel, Kelleher and Kahn. She is a compassionate professional who goes the extra mile," writes Nancy Eckerson of *Eve Magazine*. Lindy gained experience with conflict and discrimination in the workplace during her tenure as the Commissioner of Worker's Compensation in the state of New York. She held hearings across the state that dealt with discrimination issues in the workplace.

Korn began her lecture by outlining her speech: "I want to talk about what is happening in the field, real life cases."

"In the past," Korn stated, "the area of diability was something that wasn't given much legal attention." She explained that only after the Americans with Disabilities Act was created in 1990 did the government actually recognize discrimination based on disability.

Korn also explained that until only very recently employers won more disability discrimination cases than employees. She then went into the details of a number of cases where workers were unfairly discriminated

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Dentone, Holzaepfel elected President, Vice President

Students elect Student Assembly officers, ratify amendment

by Ian Mandel '06
NEWS WRITER

On Wednesday, December 4, Student Assembly held elections in Beinecke Student Activities Village; Student Assembly President and Vice President as well as Class of 2004 Representatives were on the ballot. The student body also considered a proposed amendment to the Student Body Constitution.

Members of the Class of 2004 chose between six candidates to fill three vacant class representative spots. Andrew Laskowski, Celine Geiger, William Haley, Daniel Fiore, Jessica Weaver, and Michael Galante faced off to represent their class.

Jessica Weaver, Dan Fiore, and Celine Geiger received the most votes and will serve one-year terms as class representatives.

"I want to be sure I listen to everyone and represent them well and contribute at the meetings," Fiore said.

All class years voted for Student Assembly President and Vice President. Four teams of candidates ran for the positions: Lauren Dentone '04 and Pete Holzaepfel '05; Nicole Lemanski '04 and Rebecca Phillip '05; Jason Haas '05 and Lindsey Martin '03; and David Chen '06 and Loubens Theork '06.

Dentone, who currently serves as President of the Class of 2004, and Holzaepfel, who served as President of the Class of 2005 his freshman year, won Wednesday's election and will serve as President and Vice President, repsectively of Student Assembly for the next year.

"I will work to move the 'Student Bill of Rights' forward, strive for more social options on campus, and increase town/college relations," Dentone said, adding that she would like to "continue Amanda Chase's lead with reinstating the constitution at meetings."

This election comes just three months after a special fall election to elect replacements for the offices of President and Vice President of Student Assembly were left vacant when the originally elected students were declared ineligible due to participation in hazing incidents.

In the fall, Amanda Chase and Jordan Burns were elected in

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HACRG organizes events in recognition of World AIDS Day

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR
& Erin Weaver '05
NEWS WRITER

The Hamilton AIDS Community Resources group is recognizing World AIDS Day this week by sponsoring numerous activities from Wednesday, December 4th, to Saturday, December 7th. The group will follow this year's theme for World Aids Day, "Stigma and Discrimination."

"I think this theme is very fitting with what we are trying to do up here on the Hill. AIDS is a scary disease. It is something people don't want to talk about it, especially in an environment such as Hamilton where they feel so safe and so distanced from the disease," said Kristen Merriman '04, co-president of the AIDS Community Resources group.

"We really aren't distanced from the disease," she added. "It is everywhere, and for that reason it is important to discuss it. It is good for people to allow their thoughts and feelings to surface."

To recognize the day, nationally celebrated on December 1st, the group set up tables in Beinecke from Wednesday through Friday to distribute information.

"It is imperative that the information we've been fed about this disease is valid," noted Merriman. "It is no longer the 'gay disease,' but a disease that affects every skin color, sexual orientation, class, and gender."

In addition to distributing informational pamphlets, members of the group also handed out items including red ribbons and condoms.

"People are always shocked to see people handing out condoms, but I really think that's a good thing; it really helps to raise awareness," noted Liz Butler '04, also a member of the Hamilton AIDS Community Resources group.

While at Beinecke, the group also collected donations to sponsor an AIDS client through the AIDS Community Resources group of Utica. The group engages in this project every year. Last year, the gentleman whom

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Parent calls raise concern over AlHam's new ID policy

Inn now requires New York-issued ID as proof of age

by Stephanie Valle '05
NEWS WRITER

O'Connor's Alexander Hamilton Inn no longer accepts out-of-state licenses for proof of age in an effort to reduce the liability the Inn would face if a student presented a false form of identification.

According to New York State Law, valid forms of identification for proof of age are a U.S. Passport, military ID, or a valid New York or out-of-state license.

"We have chosen not to accept out-of-state drivers' licenses," said Patrick O'Connor, the president of the Inn. "We just don't have the tools to screen those licenses like we do with New York IDs."

O'Connor said that because he and his staff are not familiar with every state's license, it became impossible to differentiate between fake IDs and legitimate ones. "We just have no way of knowing if the card is real or if it was made in a dorm room," he added. The new policy has been in effect since June.

O'Connor and Marketing Manager Kathleen Campanaro cited liability concerns as the principle reason for the switch. "It's a huge liability," said Camapanaro. "It's not that we don't want students here to drink, we just need to be assured they are 21."

O'Connor added that "insurance costs have been increasing dramatically" in recent years, particularly since a multiple fatality drunk driving accident at Colgate a few years ago occured following the use

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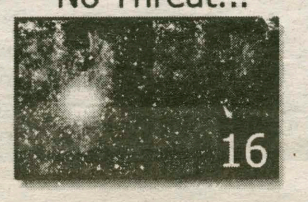

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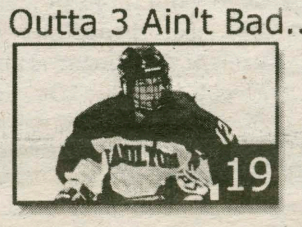

Kwanzaa celebration founded to bring together African American communities, families

by Bea Dias '04
CONTRIBUTING WRITER & BSU CULTURAL CHAIR

Kwanzaa is an African American celebration that is focused on bringing families and communities together and it is based on seven guiding principles. The seven principles are Unity, Self-Determination, Collective Work and Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity, and Faith.

In 1966, Dr. Maulana Karenga envisioned and founded Kwanzaa. The word "Kwanzaa" is drawn from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza," which means "first fruits." Dr. Karenga added an "a" to the spelling of the word "kwanza" in order to distinguish the African American celebration from the African first harvest celebrations. He sought to create a celebration that was unique to African Americans, separate from any religious or political affiliations. Kwanzaa is celebrated from the 26th of December to the 1st of January.

Contrary to what some believe, however, Kwanzaa was not created to be a substitute for Christmas. Until the birth of Kwanzaa, Americans did not observe a holiday that catered to the needs or aspirations of African Americans. As Martin Luther King Jr. had noted, America had defaulted on the promise of the Constitution and its principles as far as African Americans were concerned. In opposition to the nation's periodic episodes of historical amnesia, African Americans desired to create an enclave that would allow them to celebrate their triumphant accomplishments within the nation, including consistent championing of democratic and humanitarian ideals, overcoming slavery, and resisting racial apartheid and disenfranchisement. Hence, it was imperative that African Americans created a space for themselves within which they were able to celebrate their culture and traditions of endurance and achievement. The goal of Kwanzaa is to instill in African Americans those principles, which assisted their ancestors in enduring and combatting oppression, slavery and racism.

The celebration of Kwanzaa emerged during a revolutionary period, when many social and political changes were taking place in the U.S. The mid-20th century marked a turning-point in the battle for the liberation and self-determination of all African American peoples. During this era the Civil Rights Movement was in a dynamic state, with great individuals such as Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. in the public eye, speaking and encouraging significant transformations around the country. The 1960s saw the activities of the Black Panther organization and other Black self-help and cultural organizations. It also saw the assassinations of Malcolm X and Martin Luther King Jr. and widespread riots in many inner cities. Dr. Karenga chose this opportune time to introduce the celebration of Kwanzaa to the African American community. He felt that the Black youth were being infected with the disease of miseducation. Thus, it was imperative for the older generation to combat this disease by educating Black youths about their history and the values and traditions of their ancestors. Currently, Dr. Maulana Karenga is a professor and the chair of the Department of Black Studies at California State Univerity, Long Beach.

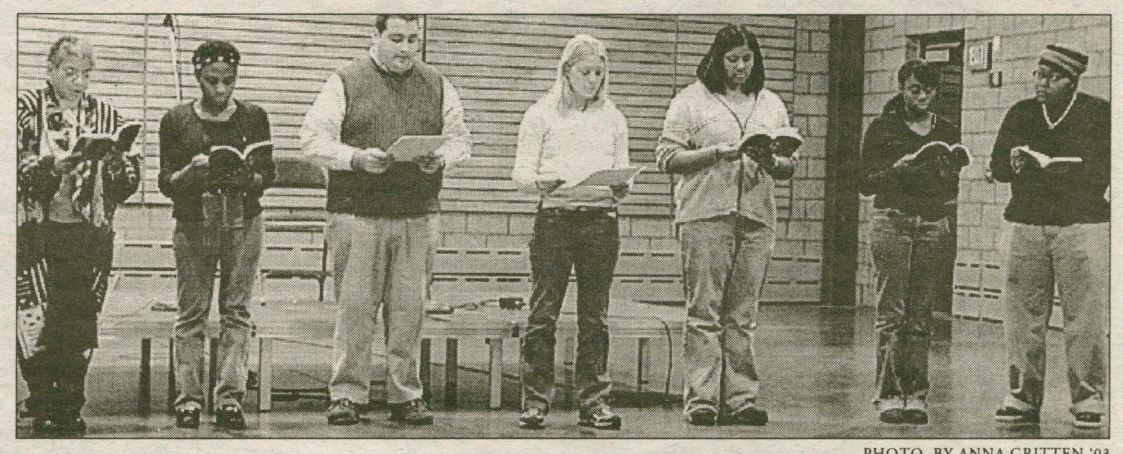

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Students of *Africana Studies 300: Black Women's Experience in the U.S.* perform a poetry reading at the BSU-sponsored Kwanzaa celebration on Thursday night. The class is taught by Professor of Classics and Africana Studies Shelley Halley.

The great success of Kwanzaa is confirmed by its ever-growing popularity throughout the world, despite brief periods when it seemed to fade from our consciousness. Here at Hamilton College, we too continue this noble tradition, not with blind faith, but with the complete awareness of its positive, life-affirming value.

Contributions to this article made by Professor V. Odamtten and Redell Armstrong '02.

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BSU, community celebrates Kwanzaa with performances

by Kathleen McGrory '05
NEWS EDITOR

The Black Student Union invited members of the Hamilton College community to celebrate Kwanzaa on the evening of Thursday, December 5th, in the Annex. The evening included a dinner and a number of student and faculty performances.

"The BSU celebration of Kwanzaa is an annual event," said newly elected BSU President Nii Ato Bentsi-Enchill '05. "It allows us as a group to give thanks, to take a break from the stresses of our everyday lives, and to celebrate who we are together."

The members of the BSU were pleased by the event's attendance.

"It went really well. There was a great showing; lots of people on this campus are interested in experiencing Kwanzaa and learning what it's all about," said Bea Diaz '04, cultural chair of the BSU.

"I was very surprised by the turnout," echoed Bentsi-Enchill. "There was support from so many different parts of the campus," he said, especially noting members of the faculty and Greek community.

Bentsi-Enchill opened the festivities by speaking first about the origins and later the principles behind the holiday. Phyllis Breland, POSSE mentor and assistant director of the opportunity programs followed by singing "Lift Every Voice and Sing," the Black National Anthem.

Professor of English Vincent Odamtten and Assistant Professor of Philosophy Todd Franklin also added to the festivities; Odamtten recited two poems and a fable, and Franklin expressed the principles of Kwanzaa through an animal fable. Professor of Classics and Africana Studies Shelley Halley's students also performed a poem. Many other students of a variety of ethnic backgrounds took part in the evening's performances.

"Kwanzaa is one of the only African American holidays on the calendar," said Diaz, noting BSU's commitment to sharing Kwanzaa with the greater Hamilton Community. "There aren't any other holidays that are catered to the African American experience. We really do have a lot of history, and this is the perfect opportunity to come together and to build community," she added.

No booze for youze: Inn no longer accepting out-of-state licenses

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of fake IDs at bars near Colgate.

"We have 80 employees, and I have a responsibility to protect their jobs," said O'Connor, who noted that the Colgate accident resulted in the closure of the bar at which the students were drinking. "Those people were run out of business."

Both O'Connor and Campanaro explained that within the past month, they have been subject to two insurance inspections as well as an inspection by the Liquor Authority. The age of the Inn also contributes to the high insurance costs. All of these factors contributed to their decision to reduce the liability that they face.

Additionally, as college IDs are not recognized by New York State as valid forms of identification for proof of age, O'Connor said the Inn is unable to accept Little Pub IDs. However, students over the age of 21 wishing to drink at the Alexander Hamilton Inn have another alternative. O'Connor said that students can go to the Department of Motor Vehicles in Utica and be issued a non-resident New York ID card, which the Inn will accept.

"We are willing to work with students," said O'Connor. "If they want, we'll provide a shuttle service to Motor Vehicles for them. It's 15 minutes away." Students would not have to surrender their out-of-state license to receive the non-resident card.

O'Connor emphasized again that his intention is not to prevent students from drinking, but rather to protect both the students and his Inn. "We want them to come here," he said. "Ee don't want them to leave here pissed-off that they couldn't drink."

The Inn has received phone complaints from parents of students who are 21 because of the new policy. O'Connor said that while phone complaints will not change a student's ability to drink at the Inn, of-age students dining with out-of-state parents have been allowed to drink. "I think parents also appreciate the fact that we are not serving those under 21."

Campanaro said that student awareness of the policy is increasing. "Most of the students have been realizing the policy now," she said, and the Inn has posted a large sign on the door to the Pub alerting patrons of the switch.

While O'Connor said that they have probably lost some business as a result of the new policy, the end result is more important. Campanaro concurred. "I think that most kids under 21 are going to try and do this [use a fake ID]. At Colgate, they didn't do it with the intent to ruin lives, but they did." By instituting the stricter policy, the Alexander Hamilton Inn is hoping to avoid a similar tragedy.

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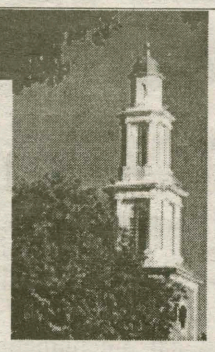


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

U. Michigan Prepares Oral Argument for Court

(U-WIRE) ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Only two days after the U.S. Supreme Court agreed to hear two lawsuits filed against the University of Michigan's use of race in admissions, the University has already begun preparing for oral arguments, which will take place next spring.

Assistant General Counsel Jonathan Alger said the focus of the University's arguments will shift slightly to concentrate on the national importance of the issues being discussed.

"It's important to note here that any decision in these cases would affect private and public universities across the country," Alger said. "Once you get to the Supreme Court level, you're talking about the national importance and the presidential value that applies across the board."

The battle over the University's race-based admissions policies began in 1997 when two white applicants, Barbara Grutter and Jennifer Gratz, sued the University claiming they were rejected from the Law School and College of Literature, Science and the Arts, respectively, while less qualified minority applicants were accepted. Last May, the U.S. 6th Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the Law School's admission policies, but never ruled on the undergraduate case.

Minn. College Settles Anti-Semitism Case

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) - St. Cloud State University agreed Tuesday to pay nearly $1 million over the next five years to settle allegations of anti-Semitism among administrators and professors.

Three faculty members who sued a year ago - Arie Zmora, Laurinda Stryker and Geoffrey Tabakin - will receive $314,678, while other faculty members who filed discrimination or retaliation complaints will share $50,000.

The lawsuit alleged department administrators disparaged classes taught by Jewish professors to persuade students not to take the courses. The lawsuit also said Jewish faculty members were paid less, denied promotions, and not given full credit for their teaching experience.

Under the proposed settlement, which still requires approval from a federal judge, the university also agreed to create a Jewish Studies and Resources Center and hire a coordinator who will also teach classes. The center will be funded for at least five years at about $125,000 a year.

"The most important thing is that this is a moral victory, a vindication," said Zmora, who is now a part-time history professor at the University of Minnesota.

The university also agreed to several other steps, including mandatory diversity training for faculty and staff. The university did not admit to any wrongdoing. "St. Cloud State University deeply regrets any acts of anti-Semitism that have occurred on the university campus or in the community," said Roy Saigo, president of St. Cloud State.

College Papers too Soft, NYU Professor Says

(U-WIRE) NEW YORK — New York University history professor Jonathan Zimmerman wants college and university bosses to squirm when they read student newspapers. He wants student reporters to doubt the public relations professionals most universities now employ en masse. According to Zimmerman, "The administrators must be annoyed at the student newspaper, or else something is terribly wrong."

Unfortunately, university officials today are losing little sleep over the student media, he says, because college papers have lost their edge.

Zimmerman created a small firestorm on Monday with an op/ed piece published in the Philadelphia Inquirer that took student journalists to task for failing to aggressively cover college and university administrations. In the column, Zimmerman wrote that a modern emphasis on pop culture — he cited the current media fascination with college sex columnists — diverted student reporters' efforts from serious issues at their schools. And the distractions caused college papers' coverage to go, well, flaccid.

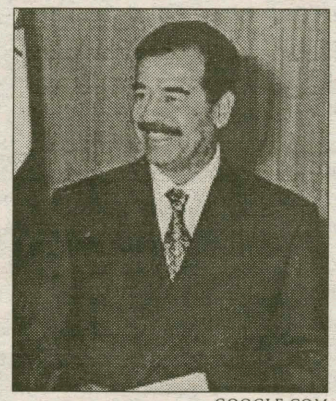
Although Zimmerman writes frequently for the press without much notice, the Inquirer column hit a nerve. Some student journalists wrote him to agree and ask for his help. Others blasted his column, arguing that college papers' coverage was as tough as ever.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by Chris Takacs '05

Saddam Urges Iraqi Support of Inspectors

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) - President Saddam Hussein urged the Iraqi people on Thursday to support the new U.N. arms inspections as a welcome opportunity to disprove American allegations that his government still harbors weapons of mass destruction.



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The White House quickly rejected those claims, insisting they lack credibility. President Bush, asked on Thursday if the United States was headed toward war, replied: "That's a question you should ask to Saddam Hussein."

In a holiday greeting to Iraqi leaders, Saddam said he agreed to the inspections, in which one of his own palaces was searched, "to keep our people out of harm's way" in the face of U.S. threats.

The Iraqi president's remarks contrasted sharply with a vice president's harsh words about the inspections late Wednesday. Taha Yassin Ramadan had accused the U.N. monitors of being U.S. and Israeli spies and of staging the presidential palace inspection as a provocation.

Saddam spoke at a gathering of the leadership of his Baath Party and the Iraqi military on the first morning of the three-day Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr.

Bomb in Indonesian McDonald's Kills 3

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) - Explosions ripped through a McDonald's restaurant and a car dealership Thursday in eastern Indonesia, killing three and wounding two, police said.

The explosions occurred an hour apart in the South Sulawesi capital of Makassar, 1,000 miles east of the Indonesia capital of Jakarta, said police Sgt. Hidayat, who uses only one name.

Bomb blasts have become a regular feature of a running conflict between Muslims and Christians on Sulawesi island. Since 1999, nearly 2,000 have died in the fighting and tens of thousands left homeless. Attackers in Sulawesi rarely target Western interest like McDonald's.

No one took responsibility for the blasts, Hidayat said, adding that authorities had not ruled out an accidental explosion at the McDonald's. Hidayat also refused to say what caused the second explosion at the car dealership, owned by Indonesian Welfare Minister Jusuf Kalla.

All the victims were at the McDonald's restaurant in a shopping mall. Four cars were damaged in the second explosion in front of the car dealership.

Vatican: Gays Unsuitable for Priesthood

VATICAN CITY (AP) - A top Vatican official has advised against bringing gays into the priesthood, saying their ordination would be imprudent and "risky."

Cardinal Jorge Arturo Medina Estevez's letter, reproduced in a church publication, comes as the Vatican is drafting new guidelines for accepting candidates for the priesthood. The guidelines are expected to address whether gays should be barred.

His position reflects what appears to be the Vatican's emerging public stance on the issue. Medina Estevez was the prefect for the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments when the letter was written, although he retired in October.

Ordination "of homosexual men or men with homosexual tendencies is absolutely inadvisable and imprudent, and from the pastoral point of view, very risky," Medina Estevez wrote in a letter to an unidentified cleric that was reprinted in the congregation's main publication, Notitiae.

"A homosexual person or someone with homosexual tendencies is not, therefore, suitable to receive the sacrament of holy orders," he said in the letter, which was dated May 16 and published in Notitiae's November-December edition. Medina Estevez's letter will likely fuel the debate about homosexuals in the priesthood - a perennial Vatican issue that has received new attention following the clergy sex abuse scandal in the United States.

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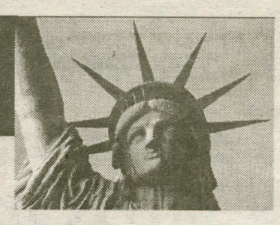

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Millions Without Power in Winter Storm

More than 1.6 million homes and businesses were without electricity Thursday from Oklahoma to the Carolinas as a deadly snow and ice storm snapped power lines, canceled airline flights and shut down schools and some government offices. The storm spread freezing rain and up to a foot of snow from the Texas Panhandle to Virginia on Wednesday, then veered up the East Coast on Thursday. It was blamed for at least 17 deaths, mostly from traffic accidents: six in Kentucky, three each in North Carolina and Missouri, two in Arkansas and South Carolina, and one in Tennessee.

"We've got wrecks everywhere," Virginia State Police Sgt. D.A. Shaver said. "We're calling troopers in to handle the influx, but it will get worse before it gets better."

"It isn't fun driving sideways," commuter John Budnick of Massapequa Park, N.Y., said of morning conditions on Long Island. "It's getting worse, too."

Schools were closed Thursday in parts of the Carolinas, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Virginia, New Jersey, Tennessee and Kentucky. A few schools closed in Connecticut and New York City's northern suburbs.

The Carolinas were the hardest hit as freezing rain coated trees and power lines.

Duke Power said about 1.2 million customers were blacked out Thursday in North and South Carolina, far surpassing the record number affected when Hurricane Hugo tore through the region in 1989. The utility said it could be days before electricity is restored.

Prosecutors Ask Reversal in Jogger Case

NEW YORK (AP) - The district attorney asked a judge Thursday to throw out the convictions of five young men in one of the nation's most notorious rape cases: the 1989 attack on a Central Park jogger who was beaten and left for dead. District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's recommendation came 11 months after a convicted rapist who had never before been under suspicion confessed and said he acted alone in committing the crime that had been blamed on a gang of "wilding" youths. DNA evidence has backed his claim.

The final decision on the convictions rests with state Supreme Court Justice Charles Tejada, who is expected to have a ruling by Feb. 6.

Morgenthau also said the men's convictions for other attacks in the park that night should be dropped. Prosecutors said "no useful purpose" would be served by a retrial for any of the crimes.

The five black and Hispanic youths, who were 14 to 16 at the time of the attack on the white investment banker, have already completed jail terms ranging from six years to 11 1/2 years for the crime.

However, exoneration could open the door to civil suits against the city and free the men, now in their late 20s, from having to register as sex offenders for the rest of their lives.

The 28-year-old victim was left for dead in a pool of mud and blood after the attack on April 19, 1989. Now 41, she has said she has no memory of what happened, preventing her from helping identify any suspects.

Ex-Druggist Gets 30 in Cancer Drug Case

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) - A pharmacist who diluted chemotherapy drugs for thousands of cancer patients was sentenced to the maximum 30 years Thursday after tearful witnesses told a judge the scheme had cost them precious days with their loved ones.

Robert R. Courtney showed no emotion as the judge announced his sentence. "Your crimes are a shock to the civilized conscience," U.S. District Judge Ortrie Smith told him. "They are beyond understanding."

Defense lawyers, citing Courtney's "sincere remorse," had urged Smith to impose the lightest possible sentence under the terms of Courtney's plea agreement - 17 1/2 years without parole.

"I have committed a terrible crime that I deeply and severely regret," Courtney, 50, told the court in soft, shaky voice before being sentenced. "I wish I could change everything."

But federal prosecutors requested the maximum of 30 years for a "cold-blooded" crime they say hastened at least one patient's death and, as Courtney admitted, was motivated by greed.

Community gathering and vigil to conclude World AIDS Week activities

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the ACR sponsored later came to the Hill to make a speech. According to Butler, "his story was really moving."

Merriman noted that this year the Hamilton community was again "very, very generous."

While the group also planned to sponsor a confidential HIV testing on Thursday, due to the snow, the van was unable to make it to the Hill. However, to conclude this week's activities, Hamilton AIDS Community Resources will sponsor a Community Gathering and Vigil in Café Opus on Saturday, December 7th, at 5 p.m. The vigil will include discussion, a personal AIDS story, and an *a cappella* performance.

Merriman stated, "In brainstorming events to hold in honor of World AIDS Day, we thought that a community gathering would be an excellent forum for people to discuss the importance of this year's theme. Various emotions, fears, and preconceptions surface when HIV/AIDS is discussed."

"The goal of this week is to make people understand that AIDS does not discriminate. Anybody can get this disease," Butler added.

According to Merriman, the week has thus far been a success. "The most rewarding part of being involved in this organization is sitting at the tables in Beinecke, talking to people when they walk by. What we do is really beneficial to the community," she said.

The Hamilton AIDS Community Resources strives to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS by providing accurate, useful information to the Hamilton community. The group is sponsored by HAVOC and works closely with Utica's AIDS Community Resources to organize campus-wide events, most importantly, those honoring World AIDS Day and Hamilton's Annual AIDS Hike for Life (which will occur in the spring).

Amendment requires candidates to be present at eight meetings

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a runoff election. A runoff is required when no team of candidates receives forty percent of the popular vote. The student body also ratified a constitutional amendment recently passed by Student Assembly. The amendment requires that all candidates seeking election to the office of Student Assembly President be present at eight full meetings of the Central Council.

The amendment was presented by Class of 2004 Representative Kristin Merriman to the Constitution Committee and committee chair James Reagan.

"I proposed this amendment to our Student Assembly Constitution because I find it imperative that a person have knowledge of and experience with an organization they seek to lead," Merriman said.

The original amendment would have required any candidate for Student Assembly President to have previously served in Student Assembly in some official capacity. The Constitution Committee, as with all proposed constitutional amendments, reviewed and examined the amendment, ultimately changing it to merely require that candidates be present for eight full Central Council Meetings.

The amendment, as modified by the Constitution Committee, was then presented to Student Assembly with a subsequent vote the following week. All amendments to the Student Body Constitution must be approved by three-fourths of the present members of Student Assembly at the time of the vote.

The proposed change to Article VII, Section 2A was passed by Student Assembly and then ratified by a majority of the student body on Wednesday. The new requirements for candidacy will take effect during the December 2003 Election.

Merriman was confident that the amendment would be ratified "because it assures that future presidents of our Student Assembly will enter the position with a substantial background in the proceedings of the Assembly."

Disability Action Group lecture includes interactive role-playing presentation

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against in their employment, as well as cases in which persons with disabilities were excluded from participating in activities such as using the internet.

Korn emphacized the usefulness of "interactive conversations" between employers and employees with accomodation requests. She stated that "relationships often more than law determine the outcome of a conflict."

According to Eckerson, "Korn recognized the need for help in the workplace. People needed to be educated about discrimination law, sexual harassment and tolerance of our differences...she decided to create a firm to deal with these issues, and more importantly, to provide a training ground with a proactive approach of prevention."

Korn finished her lecture with an interactive role-playing presentation, elucidating the alienation employees with disabilities can experience when communicating with their superiors.

When describing her approach to law, Korn said, "I call myself a holistic lawyer." She explained that each case inherently contained a variety of components, and that each was important to the outcome of the case. Korn referred to her kind of law practice as "Holistic Law," saying that holistic law "requires lawyers with disabled clients, for example, to study and understand the client's disabilities in order to properly represent them."

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Editorial
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Editorial:

In the last month there has been considerable press surrounding the Presidential Search Committee. Everyone has an opinion about who should be the college's next president. As the committee continues its research and advances in the hiring process, *The Spectator* staff members feel that the committee should explicitly keep in mind the educational mission of the college.

Hamilton is, first and foremost, an educational institution. Although many of the President's functions relate to the business aspects of running the college, s/he also serves as the figurehead of an academic institution, whose primary goal is to provide students with a strong educational background. For this reason, the next President should be someone with a grounding in scholarship, as opposed to in business.

Many members of the Hamilton community came out in support of Tobin after his resignation, speaking highly of his strengths as a president. Although the search committee should not try to find an exact replica of Tobin, they should be sure to take into account those qualities of which his supporters spoke so highly. One quality that came up again and again was his commitment to intellectual pursuits, which stems from his background in higher education. A person who has spent time involved in academics is in a much better position to understand the unique needs of students and professors, for whom the learning experience is the primary concern.

The business aspects of the college cannot be ignored. Without financial planning we would not be able to build new facilities, finance speakers, hire professors, or even produce a college newspaper; however, the primary "business" of a college is learning, and a president who understands this will best serve the interests of the community.

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Letter to the Editor:

Editor's Note: Beverly Low served as Hamilton's Director of Student Activities from 1993-2001.

To the Editor:

I was overcome with a flashback of frustration while reading the November 8 Spectator column, "Hamilton Not Fulfilling Its Big Name Potential," and was so relieved to see Cameo Voltz's thoughtful and comprehensive response in the November 15 edition. And then there's the Goo Goo Dolls.

Wow like I am so happy that the band is doing like really well these days. But when they played at Hamilton College's Margaret Bundy Scott Fieldhouse in the spring of 1995 in support of A Boy Named Goo, they were pathetic jerks who yelled nasty things at the audience and walked off the stage after four songs. On some level, I can see why they were angry that night - playing to an audience of 200 people (probably 150 Hamilton students) who paid little, if any attention to the band until the song "Name" was performed. So ... CAB brought the Goo Goo Dolls to The Hill. Add them to the list of on campus performers such The Barenaked Ladies, George Clinton and the P-Funk Allstars, Shawn Colvin, Guster, Entrain, The Push Stars, Deep Blue Something (okay, one-hit wonders), Ani Difranco, Bela Fleck, The Samples, Moxy Frouvous, A Tribe Called Quest, The Pat Magee Band, and Belizbeha to name a few. CAB became so good at concert planning and promotion that they moved their bigger shows to the beautiful Stanley Theater starting in April 1997 with Bob Dylan, and continuing with acts like The Indigo Girls, Blues Traveler, Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds, and Ben Harper. Once the infamous Annex came on line, CAB offered a variety of acts including Dispatch, Run DMC, They Might Be Giants, Naughty by Nature, Phantom Planet, and Howie Day. Don't even get me started on the Acoustic Coffeehouse Series - it's nationally known, highly rated, and widely respected. And it started with one student who had an idea.

But let's go back to the "big names." Believe it or not, Clinton, New York does not top the list of potential tour date locations for the hottest, most expensive bands. Major acts are not going rearrange their schedule to add a date in Clinton. I congratulate CAB for working diligently to offer high quality music programs based on student interest. Next time, please use the energy that you wasted on senseless, unsubstantiated whining to do something positive that contributes to the quality of student life on campus. There is one person responsible for meeting your entertainment needs: You.

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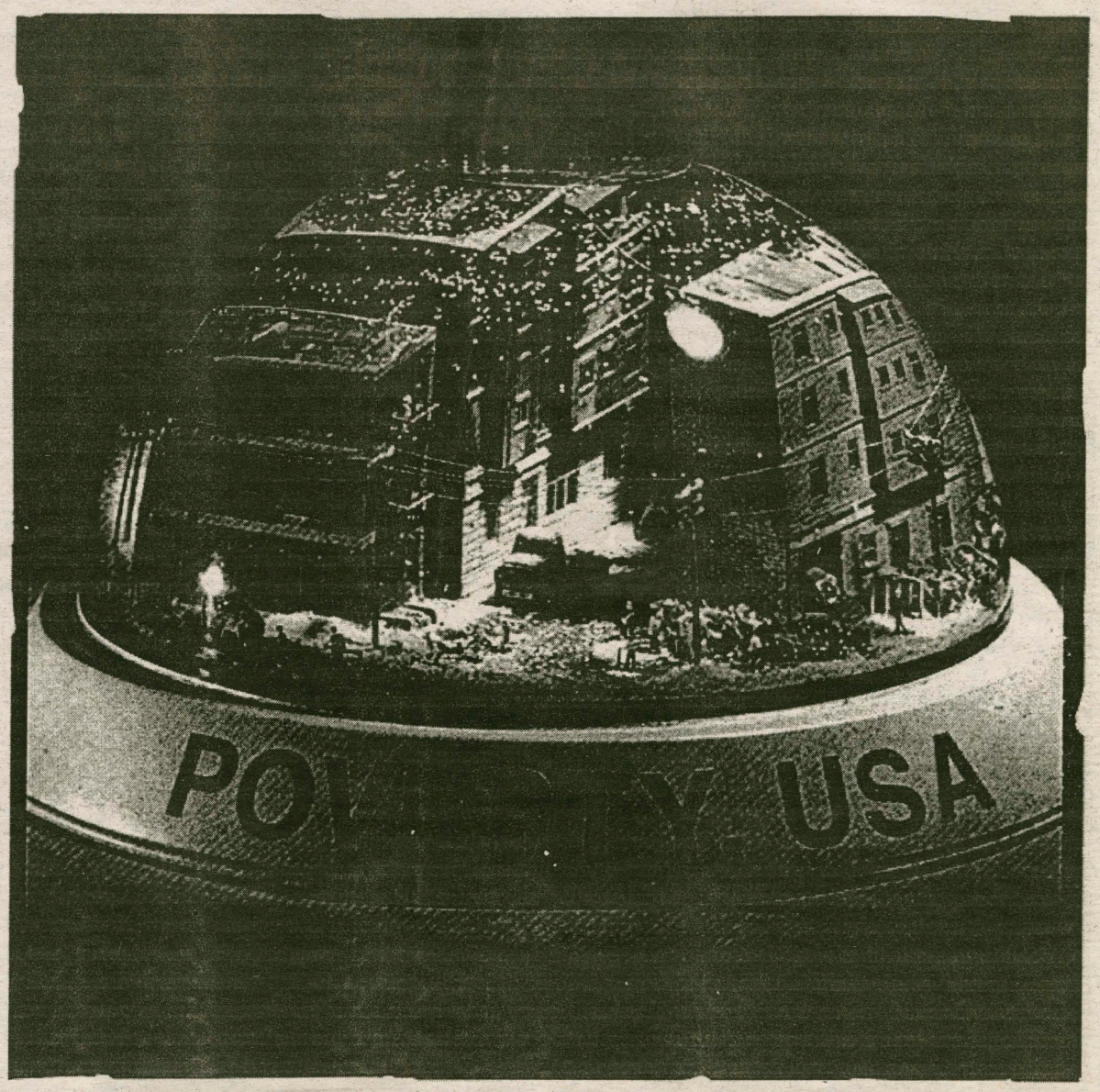

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Nothing personal

Chris Preston '03
Insights & Ideas Editor

I'm a bad person. No really, it's true. Just ask certain people on campus. Of course, very few of these people actually know me. They just draw this determination from my articles and installments of the highly "controversial" Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down, which I help compose on a weekly basis. Now that's perfectly fine by me if people I don't even know already hate me, because it's not going to change the subject material or the tone of some of my articles.

But I am not the issue here. The issue is journalism itself. Some people do not understand that what sells newspapers and expands a publication's reading base is not always popular among all readers.

Journalism is inherently controversial. Certain articles or opinions will inevitably lead to disagreements and conflicts. If a news article sheds a bit too much light on a messy subject such as a drunk driving incident or a rape by naming the perpetrators of such acts, it will undoubtedly lead to conflict.

If an opinion piece conveys a controversial message about a particular topic or organization, it will probably lead to disagreements and differences in opinion. Or, if a sports reporter writes an article that suggests a negative tone, the members of that team, having devoted so much time to the practice field and the weight room, may feel cheated.

But in all of the aforementioned cases, the reporter is not in the wrong. In instances of faulty, biased, or under-researched news or sports articles, the reporter is to blame. In the same token, some opinion pieces can be constituted as slanderous if they maliciously and wrongfully attack an individual, in which case the writer is again culpable.

Otherwise a journalist, whether it be in a controversial or disagreeable fashion or not, is simply performing his duty-to stimulate conversation among his publication's readers, and hopefully to elicit some sort of response, positive or negative. However, when it comes to expressing negative feedback, there is an appropriate way to respond and an inappropriate way to respond.

Writing a letter-to-the-editor is the appropriate response. By doing this, you can impose your views upon the entire campus in a constructive, well thought out way rather than just venting your anger about an article only to the person who wrote it.

In recent weeks, numerous letters-to-the-editor have been submitted regarding topics ranging from President Tobin's resignation to an opinion piece about the shortcomings of CAB to a profile of a first year student from Mexico that raised eyebrows in its suggestions about Mexicans in general. All of these letters presented some good points, and all were well written and carefully worded.

The Spectator welcomes this kind of constructive criticism, as should any publication. Reader criticism is as much a product of journalism as the controversy an article initially conjures up. If journalists are given free will to express whatever radical opinion they may have to a considerably large forum, then the readers should in turn be able to express any counterpoints or disagreements they might have.

Angry readers who choose to threaten physical violence to or verbally abuse the author of an article to which they took offense, however, should be condemned for doing so. While certain articles may affect you in such a way that it infuriates you, the best way to pursue vengeance is by collecting your thoughts and arranging them via a keyboard and a computer. This way, once your article is sent to *The Spectator* (letters are rarely, if ever, blocked from going to print) you can take some satisfaction away from the fact that you are speaking not only for yourself but also for those who felt the same way as you.

If well expressed and convincing, a letter may be good enough to sway readers who originally had different viewpoints from you to join your side, enlightened by your stance on things. Threats and abuse can be nothing but counterproductive, leading only to increased feelings of anger and confusion.

Furthermore, it is beneficial to keep in mind that many of the articles you take issue with are simply *opinions*. They are not the final word on what is wrong and what is right, nor should they be a determinant of the character of the person voicing the opinion. People who judge writers, favorably or unfavorably, on a personal level solely based on their subject matter or tone are missing the point of journalism. Writers usually don't confuse personal feelings with their duty to maintaining journalistic integrity, regardless of whether it offends their friends, family, or professors. So, as readers it is important that you too can separate negative sentiments for what you deem an objectionable article from your personal feelings for the writer himself, whom you may or may not know.

I'm sure many of you are thinking that I wrote this purely for the sake of saving face in light of any recent articles I've written that may have offended people. Well okay, that's partially true...But my main point is this: disagreements about the content of an article should not translate to utter disdain for the person behind it.

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Thumbs Up

-Not having to go on a ticket scavenger hunt for this year's Citrus Bowl

-The dance team electing not to redshirt their freshmen this year

-The muffins in Cafe Opus..appealing even to the non-hippie crowd

-Thanksgiving leftovers feeding all your late-night munchy needs

- The Citrus Bowl special--free beer at the Pub from 5-7 tonight

-It's not a bird, it's not a plane, it's the blue crane!!

Thumbs Down

- Physical Plant plowing the snow about as much as Justinio plows Hamilton chicks

-The new arts & crafts station in Beinecke...what is this, summer camp?

-Computers in the library: about as easy to come by as virgins in PBX

-That the first action you get this semester comes tonight in the Citrus Bowl's pre-game frisking via Pat Ingalls

-Next year's proposed exam schedule: 10-10:50 MWF classes=early morning exams on Christmas day

Chris Preston '03, Paul P. Jones '03, and Deirdre Fenton '04

Who Cares?

-How anyone's break was

-Mass emails inquiring about what my favorite color, drink, and child's name is?

-Horner's weekly installment in Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down

-Michael Jackson

-Tall, Dark, Handsom(e)? Not Alf. Single? Not Miss Piggy. Vote for Alf and Miss Piggy!

-Riding up on the Jitney with those "crazy" ATX juniors

-Graduating "in disgrace"

Most Hamilton students do not use their four years wisely

BILL CHENEVERT '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS EDITOR

What stops Hamilton College students from participating in the myriad of available opportunities on campus? Many Hamilton Seniors are questioning the way they used their four years on the Hill. They are wishing they got more involved but the majority of Hamilton students do the minimal work. They have been sucked into a tradition called the "Hamilton Cool" which has plagued the campus' academic and social climate for years.

Doing as little as possible meaning "cool" is visible in most classroom settings. I have seen countless times when a Professor is teaching and asks a relatively simple question that is followed by deafening silence. In one English class, my Professor asks simple questions soliciting opinions, interpretations, and obvious facts about a work; she is consistently met with blank faces. The class meets in the middle of the afternoon, so fatigue is not an excuse for this unwillingness to participate. These students do not want to look foolish or give the wrong answer. This disinterested glare could be attributed to a fear of failure or a phenomenon known to many on campus as "The Hamilton Cool". Although this example is not representative of every class on campus, most Hamilton students do as little as possible in the academic setting.

Luckily, Professors have seen an improvement in this negative attitude toward learning. "The Hamilton Cool" is an attitude that leads to ignoring people and trying to appear superior socially, financially, or intellectually. I was warned of it as a pre-frosh and believed that it could not be the case. However, it is true some Hamilton students care very much about who they know, their image, and other peoples' ideas about their identity. This relates to academic activity or lack thereof inside and outside the classroom. It must not be "cool" to participate in class or attend lectures by choice.

Every week at Hamilton, there are several talks and presentations by faculty, guests, and students. Without fail, either no students or the same handful attend these rewarding opportunities. Bonnie Urcioli gave a fascinating presentation on her studies of the language surrounding the terms 'multiculturalism' and 'diversity'. Her presentation was well attended by the faculty, who made up about 90% of the audience. There were no more than five students present.

Hamilton faculty brought three important figures in the world of Sociology to campus this fall. These speakers drew large crowds solely because the team of Professors teaching a class called American Society, a class with about one hundred students, required their students to attend. Even then, many students walked out in the middle of the speakers' presentations and complained about these requirements. Academic curiosity is not what it should be on this campus of bright students. It is frowned upon by most of the student body to appear engaged in extracurricular activities within the field of academics.

Recently there has been a stint of productivity among some of the various media outlets on campus. However, usually not enough people listen to the campus radio station or read the student publications. As an editor and writer for *The Spectator*, I am approached by people saying they want to write, that they have an idea for a story, or that they have been meaning to get involved with *The Spectator*. But when it really counts, they do not write, and they do not get involved. Writers want columns without starting out as a contributor and steady writers want some sort of editorial title. Hamilton students want instant gratification through some sort of title in order to steadily write for a campus publication.

The opportunities at Hamilton are limitless, and the sad truth is that most students don't even know what they are missing. The next time you see a flyer or an event in *The Daily Bull* that piques your interest, go check it out. The next time you have an idea for an article or think you would like to publish something in *The Spectator*, write something up and send it to an editor. You can maintain your "Hamilton Cool" without abstaining from everything that is optional for you to go to or attend. As better students are attracted to Hamilton, the student body can help define a new "Hamilton Cool" that includes voluntarily getting involved.

Hamilton students strived to create a strong application in high school by being in clubs or playing a sport. However, a lot of these accomplished high school students abandon this zeal for activism and participation in the interest of socializing and partying. These students refuse to step outside of their comfort zone. The real world will harshly remove them from their self-interested apathy upon graduation.

My tapestry:
The fabric of my life

TIM MUDIE '05
INSIGHTS & IDEAS CONTRIBUTOR

I don't own a North Face jacket or anything from Abercrombie and Fitch. I don't play acoustic guitar and I don't really listen to Dave Matthews. Hell, I don't even have a Nalgene. So you can imagine how out of place I used to feel as a male here at Hamilton College. I was ostracized and subject to ridicule. People would not look me in the eye; sometimes they would throw things at me. Then, one day, that all changed. That wonderful day was the day I got my tapestry.

I remember it like it was a couple of weeks ago. As soon as I saw that tapestry I knew it was the one for me. Bright blue, with this Celtic design on it all in black. There are two people doing what looks like arm-wrestling, but the tag said "lovers." The important part was that it would cover up one entire wall of my room while adding, for a while at least, that special Captain Trips smell. I hung it up that night. Before my tapestry, my walls were bare, white, depressing. Suddenly my room shone with a vibrant blue. As soon as it was on my wall I knew that I had the sweetest tapestry in the world.

Tapestries are a huge part of decorating any college room, especially at Hamilton. Every college student has seen many tapestries in his time. However, my tapestry is way cooler than any tapestry you have ever seen. Every night before I go to bed, I tell my tapestry how special it is to me. Sometimes, when I wake up during the night, I reach over in the dark and touch it, just to make sure it's still there. I haven't felt this way about an inanimate object since I got my Brita Water Filter. But me and my Brita are just really good friends. And, while I know I'm young, and that I haven't had my tapestry for long, I think that this is true love.

My life has changed for the better since I got that tapestry. Now, when people see my room they say things like "Nice tapestry" and "Now your room isn't quite so depressing." Yes, life is good.

The changes in my life have come rapidly and have been nothing but positive. Since my tapestry purchase I now shop exclusively at Abercrombie and Fitch, have bought the entire Dave Matthews collection and I'm working on learning John Mayer for my new acoustic guitar. Thank you, tapestry. You mean so much to me.

730 Days till 21

ADAM GORDON '06
INSIGHTS & IDEAS WRITER

It's December 5th, 1:25 AM, and in a matter of minutes I am going to turn 19 years old. But somehow I am lacking the enthusiasm that goes along with this one special day of the year. Birthdays always used to be so exciting. Waking up early, finding balloons in your room, anticipating your presents--there couldn't have been a more exciting feeling. Now I'm trying to figure out where it went.

The clock just struck 1:32. I think that's what time I was born, but I'm not sure. But you know what, I really don't care. Now I'm 19 years old. Yippee, the big 1-9. Wow, I just realized that 19 is the worst age ever. Okay, maybe I'm a little bummed that it's the middle of the week, my best friends at home and family aren't here to celebrate with me, and I haven't received my card from Aunt Tillie yet, but 19 really doesn't come with any benefits.

The earlier teenage years were so exciting. At 13 I became "a man" in Jewish tradition, at 16 I could drive, at 17 I could legally get into "R" movies, and at 18 I could vote and fight for my country, not to mention get into cool clubs. Now I'm 19. What the hell does that get me?

I know what you kids are thinking: only two more years until I hit 21. I think all of us here at Hamilton College know what 21 gets us...Access to some of the premiere all-nude Utica strip clubs. Just kidding. Yeah, my 21st birthday will be awesome. But right now, I have two long years to go.

One might argue that turning 20 is just as useless. I disagree. After your 20th birthday, you're only 364 days from 21. That's 364 days until all hell breaks loose. You can even count down the days. I, on the other hand, have to wait two full years. After just searching on Yahoo for "benefits of being 19 years old," nothing relevant came up. I guess that's because 19 really does stink.

Some of you philosophers out there might say that the 19th year signifies reaching a new level of maturity. Nah, I still think farts are funny, I laugh when people fall on their faces, and some of you may have heard that I poke fun at my roommate...the one from Atlanta, that is. Okay, well I guess I have matured a little.

College has helped me become more independent; it has taught me things from how to better manage my time to why I should drink a lot more water before I go to bed some nights than others. However, as I mature, I also become more afraid of losing some of my youthful sense of humor. I occasionally get the feeling that since I am in college now, I should always be serious, and refrain from doing silly things like taking out my roommate's bed-board.

Since my parents have invested so much in my education, I feel I owe it to them to push myself as much as possible to do well. I also want to do well for myself. These four years are going to be some of the best of my life. I don't want to waste them by having too much fun, but I also don't want to waste them by being too serious, either. I think the goal is to find some kind of equilibrium.

I've been 19 for almost an hour now. And every minute is starting to feel a little bit better. Writing this has made me realize that I have now reached a period in my life where it's okay to be both silly and serious. Now I am in the process of making a transition.

As I begin to make serious choices about my future, I also vow never to lose my sense of humor. I think the 19th is all about finding a balance. Though you still have your youth, it's also a real entrance into adulthood.

The 19th is great because you can't be told to "grow up," yet at the same time you can't be told to "loosen up." Though 19 won't buy me a 30 of 'Stones, it will buy me time to just enjoy the college experience: a far better buzz than cheap beer.

For whom the duck quacks... a commentary

Editor's note: This article is being reprinted by The Spectator from the November 27, 2002 issue of the Clinton Courier with the permission of Professor Isserman.

I am one of the Clinton residents who last week sent a letter to Mayor Gill Georing expressing conern over the report in the Hamilton College student newspaper that the Alpha Delta Phi (AD) fraternity had been caught by College authorities in the act of soliciting funds from alumni to buy a "chapter house" in the village.

I am also a member of the faculty of Hamilton College.

As someone with both "town" and "gown" loyalties, I have found it depressing over the last several years to contemplate the mixture of illogic, bad faith, and irresponsibility that has time and again characterized the College's response to the ever-worsening controversy over student behavior in the village.

In the spring of 1995, with great fanfare, the College adopted a new Residential Life plan.

The Report of the New Committee on Residential Life proclaimed the start of a "New Era," stating in uambiguous terms that "Hamilton is a residential college," and that "all students will live in College housing..."

Under the provisions of the plan, residential fraternities were banned, although students would still be allowed to belong to fraternities and sororities as purely social organizations.

But there was a loophole, and the fraternities and sororities were quick to discover and exploit it.

Although the Residential Life statement declared that "the requirement that all students live in College housing effectively precludes any off-campus living arrangements," and looked forward to the rapid achievement of a "100% on-campus living arrangement," that is not how things worked out in practice.

Every year since the Residential Life decision was adopted, several dozen seniors have been permitted by the College to live off campus (the current number is 69).

Individual fraternities and sororities figured out how to manipulate the annual housing lottery to get four or five or more of their senior members into this off-campus contingent.

As a group they could then rent a house which could serve not only as their own residence, but as a social center for unsupervised parties.

I doubt if there are many students on the Hamilton campus who do not understand how this end-run around the provisions of the Residential Life decision works.

Two years ago AD, which had been banned from campus for violation of College social rules, set up its headquarters in a rented house on Marvin Street.

All the students who lived in the house were AD members. They had AD paraphernalia prominently displayed in the front entranceway of the house, as I discovered the first time I went to knock on their door to complain about the noise from their parties.

That year I could and did ask random students up on campus where they would go if they heard there was an AD party coming up that weekend - and invariably they could direct me to 15 Marvin Street, or "that grey house across from the Catholic Church."

In fact, the only person on campus in the academic year 2000-2001 who didn't seem to know how to get to the AD party was the Dean of Students.

Oh no, AD's long-suffering neighbors on Marvin Street were told repeatedly by the Dean of Students.

It's *untrue*, it's *unproven*, it's unfair to say that just because a house is occupied solely by AD members, and just because a composite photo of AD members hangs in its front hallway, and just because it is known as the site of the weekly "AD party," that the students who live there are doing so in violation of college policy.

Of course, we were told, the college *would* "investigate" the charges and take action if it seemed warranted.

Well, the year came and went, and if the "investigation" revealed anything to the Dean of Students, the rest of us were never told about it.

Personally, I think it would have taken a 50-foot-tall flashing neon sign proclaiming "AD! AD! AD!" from the rooftop of 15 Marvin to rouse the suspicions of the less-than-zealous investigation instigated by the Dean of Students.

My own standard of proof was perhaps less stringent, but more applicable: if it looks like a duck, walks like a duck, and quacks like a duck, that's got to be what it is.

But the Dean of Students didn't ask my opinion.

And so it goes, year after year. Parties, arrests, garbage in the streets, obscenities shouted in the middle of the night, and on and on.

If you want to know where to find next week's PBX sorority party, ask a random student on the Hamilton campus, and chances are he or she will be able to direct you to the appropriate address in the village. Just don't ask the Dean of Students.

What does the College have to say in its most recent official statement on these matters, issues in response to our letter last week to Mayor Goering?

"Accusations that Hamilton students have set up fraternity and sorority residences off-campus is without proof.

"When students move off-campus, they tend to live with friends. These friends may share membership in athletic teams, private societies or other student organizations.

"Such groupings do not violate college policy. If there is evidence that students are using property *owned or leased by private societies*, the college will *take action*." [Emphasis added.]

In other words, the only occasion on which the College will feel obligated to *take action*- action in defense of its own official Residential Life policies- is if the name of the fraternity or sorority appears on the deed or the rental agreement of a house suspected of being used by that fraternity or sorority as a chapter house.

I have the greatest respect for the intelligence of Hamilton students. I think they will draw the appropriate conclusions.

If they are of a mind to purchase or rent a house in the village for the purpose of re-establishing the residential fraternities and sororities that are no longer permitted on campus or supposedly anywhere else within commuting vicinity of the campus, they will undoubtedly figure out that they will be better off using their own names, and not that of a fraternity or sorority, on the necessary paperwork.

As long as that legal nicety is observed, then, as far as the Dean of Students is concerned, they're just a group of "friends," and there is no need for the college to "take action."

One final observation.

At the very moment last spring that the Dean of Students learned that AD members were planning to approach alumni for funds to buy a chapter house in the village - in flagrant violation of official Residential Life policies - the fraternity was in the midst of appealing its suspension and asking to be instated on campus as an approved private society.

It's hard to imagine anything the AD brothers could have done that would have signaled more clearly to all those concerned that they felt themselves above the system of rules the College ostensibly uses to govern the conduct of fraternities.

Nonetheless, the dean approved AD's re-instatement.

It's no wonder the fraternities display such contempt for College authorities.

If the College will not enforce the spirit and the letter of its own Residential Life decision when it comes to the establishment of off-campus fraternities and sororities, the village has no choice but to step in.

Therefore, as we requested in our initial letter to Mayor Goering, the village should explore whether it has the legal authority, through zoning ordinances or other measures, to prevent the use of private residences as fraternity or sorority houses.

At least down here in the village we're capable of recognizing a duck by its quack

Maurice Isserman is the William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of History at Hamilton College.

A letter in response:

"Quack Off!"

Comments in response to Maurice Isserman's editorial in the Clinton Courier on 11/27/02:

In his editorial on Wednesday November 27th, Hamilton College's William R. Kenan Professor of History Maurice Isserman accuses members of the Alpha Delta Phi Fraternity of pursuing plans to build or purchase a chapter house in the town of Clinton.

It is unfortunate that a scholar such as Professor Isserman, fails to research the facts when he chooses to pontificate his personal views about the root causes of the social activities and living choices of College students. His statements, focusing on AD brothers who lived on Marvin Street two years ago, AD's supposed effort to build a Fraternity house in Clinton and the Dean of Student's poor handling of these occurrences (and Greek incidents in general) only cause further harm to town-gown relations. While the effort made by the President, the Dean of Students, Campus Safety, the Student Assembly and students residing in the village has been far from perfect it has made progress; progress which Isserman damages in his inflammatory editorial.

Professor Isserman continually draws the false correlation that former neighbors of his on Marvin Street, who also happened to be members of the same fraternity, were thus using their rented facility as a Fraternity house. Professor Isserman's problem seems to be one of perception. It is convenient for his argument that Professor Isserman selectively chooses, out of many possible common threads, these residents' membership in a student organization to be the sole reason why they choose to live together, or for that matter are friends. Using Professor Isserman's incomplete logic it is easy to deduce that any activities that subsequently occur at this residence, are fraternity related, and thus the underlying cause for his problem of living near college students. All of the residents of that house could have happened to be economics majors, but I doubt the professor would choose to characterize their behavior as a function of the Economics Department.

It might seem surprising to many that Professor Isserman would express such animosity towards members of an Institution he chooses to teach at. Many juniors and seniors at this college might recall a similarly condescending editorial Isserman wrote to the College newspaper in the fall of 2000 in which he responded to student protests over the lack of social options by terming participants something to the equivalent of whiny babies. In this light, perhaps this editorial is not so shocking.

Professor Isserman states in his editorial that he has the "...the greatest respect for the intelligence of Hamilton students...." If that is the case it is unfortunate that a Professor of such prominence and intellect would choose to continually engage in such unconstructive criticism of students, which if anything, could most certainly contribute to the quashing of intellectual curiosity. Now that Professor Isserman has so clearly proclaimed his aversion towards Greek Organizations, I am sure that many members of our fraternity might hesitate to take a class with him. It is distressing that someone who's role it is to accommodate a student's zest for learning, would allow his personal views to possibly contribute to a student's fear of facing unfair treatment in a class that professor Isserman taught, because of their association in certain student organizations. If a historian who has so carelessly checked facts on this issue approaches grading papers with a similar lack of scrutiny, or for that matter such a vocal prejudice towards a group, it is a legitimate concern to feel that one might be discriminated against. Seeing the sizable financial burdens students take on when they choose to attend Hamilton, it is abhorrent that they should feel deterred to take a class of their liking because of a fear that their performance could be judged by anything other than the quality of their work.

Professor Isserman is also wrong to berate and take quarrel with Hamilton's Administration, particularly the Deans of Students office, over what he sees as their inaction and ineptitude when investigating perceived infractions committed by members of the Alpha Delta Phi. He states that "...last spring that the Dean of Students learned that AD members were planning to approach alumni for funds to buy a chapter house in the village- in flagrant violation of official Residential Life policies..." This is simply inaccurate. The college found drafts of emails detailing general fundraising efforts by the fraternity, after it was re-instated as a recognized organization by the college this fall. The e-mails represented no formal correspondence with alumni, or directly referred to efforts to raise funds specifically for the purchase and/or construction of a house, and by no means did it state that downtown Clinton was an intended locale for building such a structure. In addition it was alumni, not undergraduates who actually mentioned the word "chapter house" which has since been taken out of context. None of these actions constitute a violation of item number five of the "Private Society Relationship

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Letters to the Editor:

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Statement" of "The 1995 Residential Life Decision" which states "Hamilton students are prohibited from using houses or property owned or leased by private societies as residences, taking meals at such houses or property and participating in social activities at such houses or property." Seeing as Mr. Isserman has continually made his views on Greek Organizations so well known, I doubt any fraternity would choose him as a neighbor, probably assuming that cornfields and cows would make more agreeable neighbors.

But for the sake of civility, the opportunity to make amends is not all lost. Some of the goals of our fraternity are to help create close friendships and encourage intellectual discussion outside of the classroom. To this end we have a lecture series with the goal of inviting alumni, and faculty members to speak on a wide variety of topics. Even though Professor Isserman spurned a previous invitation to attend the inaugural installment of the lecture series, the brothers of AD would like to offer a white flag of truce, and invite Professor Isserman to speak to the community under the sponsorship of our fraternity. It is the hope of AD that an event like this would help Professor Isserman to see Hamilton students in a kinder light, and perhaps reconcile any of our respective differences. The topic can be on any academic issue he chooses, but seeing Professor Isserman's keen interest in wildlife, an appropriate subject might be the "Role of Ducks in Recent American History."

Sincerely,
Julian H.B.L Scurci '03,
Former President
&
David H. Fox '03,
Former Treasurer

Alpha Delta Phi

Dear Spectator and Hamilton Community,

It seems that some of you missed the point in my last article "Ernesto: The Newest Mexican Import. Not only can I assure you the article's intent was not racist, but it was in faet a call that we can learn from other cultures. How can you even suggest that the article was distasteful, when Ernesto himself proofread it and told me he enjoyed it? How the can you accuse me of writing "offensive statements" about Ernesto, when he burst out laughing after reading some of the content before the article was sent to be published? I asked Ernesto if I should change anything in the article, or take anything out if he so desired. He told me that I should leave it how it was because he enjoyed the humor and satire. If Ernesto does not have a problem with it, then my question is, WHY SHOULD YOU?

I'll tell you why you have a problem. There are people in this world and on our campus who read with what I'd like to call "Racism Goggles." When these people see something that could remotely be interpreted as racist, a siren goes off in their heads and they make it their job to cause an outcry. If you actually read the article you would see that it's full of praise for the subject. But instead, you see words like "Mexican" and "immigration" and all of the sudden "ding, ding, ding," the bells start to sound. Who cares about the content right? This is the chance you've been waiting for to launch a campaign you've been waiting for against Hamilton and its students for intolerance.

The only group my article attacked was Americans. I said we need to improve our image, and I found it ironic that one of the first people I met that embodied the characteristics of a great American isn't even from here. Ernesto's Mexican heritage has little to do with my claims. I would have written about the same subject if Ernesto's was from Australia or Africa. You people need to wake up. If my article discussed a roommate from England, no one would say I'm advocating stereotypes, even if I blatantly made fun of him. But since Ernesto's skin happens to be a little darker, all hell breaks loose. I shouldn't even have to defend my article. When you actually take of your racism goggles and read the content, get back to me.

In response to my article, an individual wrote, "In your eyes he will never be American." That's a perfect example of taking the article, twisting it around, and making a totally ludicrous statement. Where is this coming from? There is nothing in the article that suggests this. Ernesto told me that he doesn't want to become an official citizen. And you know, now I don't blame him seeing how people here can't take anything lightly. In his letter addressing my article, the author states, "Why does it take the TA-ing that he does for people who butcher the Spanish language and all the activities that he participates in to realize that he is a great guy?" Why do you have to say the word "Butcher?" Are you hinting at something? If that's not a subtlety racist statement, what is it Ricardo Colon '03?

It's not about Ernesto anymore. It's about a campus eager to take any opportunity to get publicity by crying "racism" or "discrimination!" It may even be reverse-discrimination. In our society if a white author says something that even hints at racism, he will be crucified by the media. Should a minority author say something hurtful or stereotypical people don't really think anything of it. I invite anyone to come hang out in our room. Yes, maybe I'll joke about Immigration, but then Ernesto will come right back and call me a "dirty Jew!" Do I take offense to this? Am I going to write a letter to the spectator bitching about how intolerant this campus is? Of course not, I can take a joke! The only reason we make fun of each other is because we know the stereotypes are so stupid that they're actually funny. A way to combat racism and intolerance is to address it, and our jokes are a way in which we can do it. We're friends, and we know it. If anything, this kind of bond brings us CLOSER. Though this may not work with others, it's how we do it. Can you get that through your heads, or is it still "racism?" The problem on this campus is that some people need to learn how to take things lightly. My article was not meant to offend you; the way you interrupted the article ended up offending yourself. Some students here really need to relax.

It's disturbing when I read these letters and see how I am accused of promoting stereotypes and American superiority. All of sudden an article meant to be harmless gets twisted into a statement that all Latin Americans are the same. It's ridiculous to think that, considering there is nothing in the article which supports such a statement. I wrote a satire on our society, and how we can change for the better, not some kind of smear campaign against Mexicans! How can some of you be so ignorant? When Ernesto has a problem with the article let me know. But in the mean time, why don't you just hold your energy until an article comes out that really is racist.

Do yourself a favor and take off those goggles. That's the first step to making our community more tolerant.

Sincerely,
Adam Gordon '06

Dear Spectator,

As one of the members of the non-homogenous population at Hamilton College, I would like to commend Greg Ghiozzi '03 for taking a stand and defending our Continentals football team. I for one am thankful for their existence, because as a 3-year member of my own high school football team, I had often wondered to myself, "I know we're not the best team...but we're not a terrible team either. What does it feel like to be at the bottom of the heap, to reside in the cracks at the bottom of the barrel?" Well in a way, I now know. And yet, for all the misery these players endure, I have never seen a team try harder. In each game this season, they were like David going up against Goliath (but our David, unfortunately, kept running out of rocks). So I agree. Keep the football team. I believe that it belongs at every level of competition, because it is most popular sport in America today. To suggest its removal is an understandable act of frustration, but like it or not football remains the most visible symbol of Hamilton athletics. It also commands far greater attendance than any other fall program. No other sport has such an effect on school pride. This works both ways: we sing the program's praises when they are doing well, and sulk in shame when they are doing badly.

Having cemented my support for our Football team, I would now like to turn to the paragraph in Ghiozzi's column that asks us to support the football program because if it ends, we could "lose a sizable percent of an already tiny number of African-American students." Since the athletic department does not support a female football team as of 11/22/02, I will infer that an end to the football team will mean fewer Black males on this campus. After all, if they can't have football, how will they live? What will they do in the afternoons? Well, do not worry - I too, have a dream: why not instead increase support for the football team, thereby increasing the number of wins and at the same time the percentage of African-American students from 4% to about 4.61%? We could then round this number up to 5% and call it a real victory for the Continentals! Wouldn't that be something, eh? Also, don't forget that an end to the football program would also mean a sizable decrease in the percentage of one of Hamilton's most abundant natural resources - the Large Athletically Talented White Male (LATWM). To this, I say: "My God!" Although no statistics exist to confirm the number of LATWM on campus, we must act NOW to defend their rights as well! Preserve our football team! Protect diversity! Save the LATWM!

Sincerely,
Jubin Kwon '05

What did your Thanksgiving look like? One editor's answer

My aunt and new cousin Kelly. Kelly was the star of our Thanksgiving.

The Feast. It was real good.

That's the fam. Mike and Dad are watching football. Mom's being ignored.

Uncle Pete and cousin Jen. Jen's a sassy little junior who wears all the styles. Pete was delirious from cooking for his family all day.

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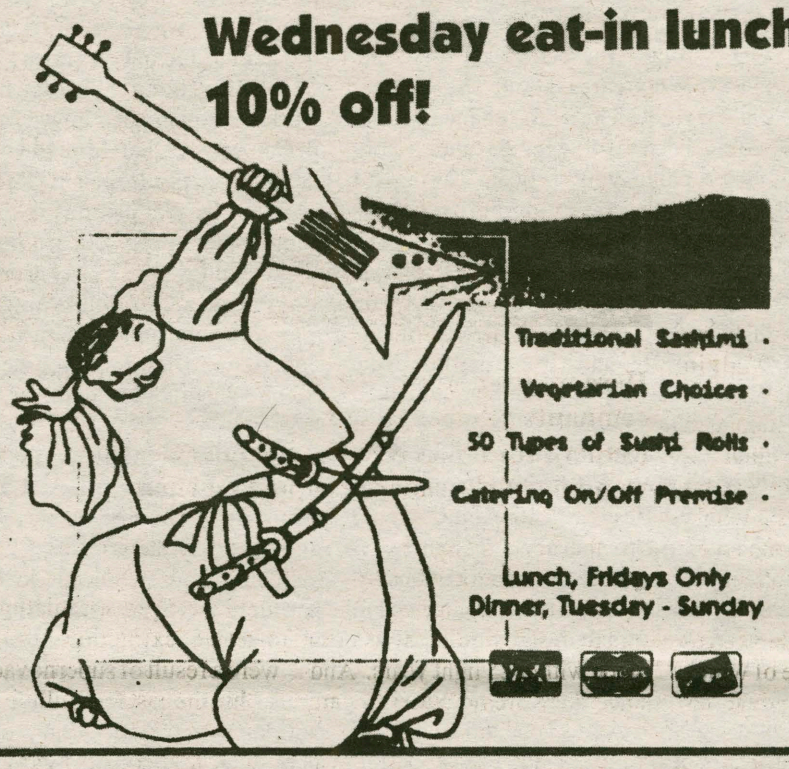

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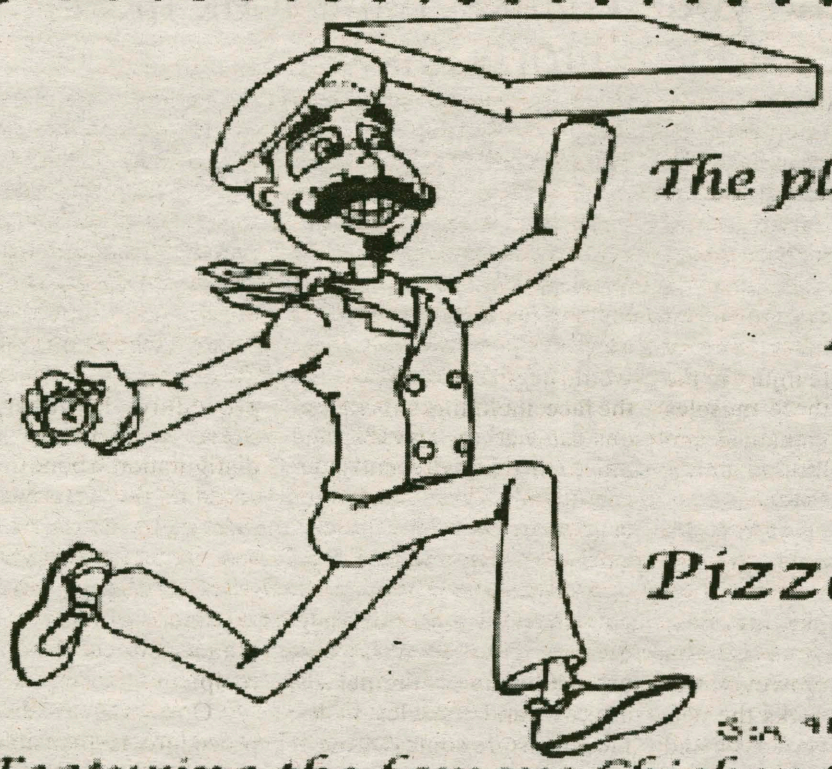

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No need to fear; supernovae aren't near

by Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

More good news from *The Spectator* Science Section–it is now relatively safe to say that exploding stars will not end life on earth.

Last week, a group of scientists reported that the threat of ozone layer damage by supernovae radiation is less likely than had previously been established.

The research team, led by astrophysicist Neil Gehrels of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, Maryland, concluded that a supernova needs to be within 25 light-years of Earth in order to significantly damage its protective ozone layer. And a catastrophe within that kind of proximity is estimated to only occur once or twice in a billion years.

This number is 25 light-years fewer than previously reported by physicist Malvin Ruderman of Columbia University, who, in 1974, calculated that gamma rays and other radiation from a supernova as far as 50 light years away would destroy most of the ozone layer.

Gehrels and his colleagues used a detailed model of the atmosphere to measure how nitrogen oxides, the release of which is catalyzed by supernovae radiation, would destroy the ozone. They also looked at Supernova 1987A, a star that exploded in a far-away galaxy approximately 16 years ago, to surmise how much radiation from these huge bursts of energy is capable of reaching Earth.

The results? In order to damage the ozone layer enough to double the amount of deadly UV rays permitted to enter our atmosphere, a star would have to explode within 25 light years. And since there are no massive stars expected to die as supernovae within that proximity of Earth today, it is unlikely that Earth will ever experience ozone destruction via supernovae radiation.

The article by Gehrels et al. will be published in the March 10, 2003, issue of the scientific journal *Astrophysics*.

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Here we see a star prior to explosion (right) and its supernova remnants after explosion (left). The study of this supernova (Supernova 1987A) has significantly enhanced scientific understanding of the supernova phenomenon.

These findings seem to topple earlier speculation that massive extinctions on Earth were a result of supernovae born within the past few million years. Earlier this year, scientists at Johns Hopkins University suggested that widespread extinction of plankton and other marine organisms could be correlated with supernovae in the Scorpius-Centaurus star group.

Although paleontological evidence exists to support this claim, Gehrels's results look as if they disprove this hypothesis. According to these new findings, the Scorpius-Centaurus star system was likely not close enough to produce the ozone damage necessary to significantly reduce phytoplankton abundance and biomass.

Supernovae are massive energetic explosions. Over time, the mass of a star can grow, as mass from nearby companion stars flows into a neighboring star's core. When a giant star can no longer sustain its own mass and neutrons fail to bring the star's gravitational collapse to a halt, a phenomenon known as a supernova occurs. This failure to stop the imploding star transforms the energy of implosion to that of explosion with as much energy as a 10^{28} megaton bomb. The blast sends particles and elements of the star's atmosphere zooming outward into space. Scientists hypothesize that our very Earth is made up of elements scattered from ancient supernovae.

Although supernovae are rare events in our own Milky Way galaxy, many have been observed in nearby galaxies. On average, these neighboring supernovae phenomena occur once a century or so.

The last nearby explosion occurred in 1680, but it was not until 300 years later, when historians were able to resolve and date the supernova remnant (Cassiopeia A), that the star's supernova identity was identified. In 1987 there was a supernova explosion in a companion galaxy to our own, Supernova 1987A. Its proximity to earth has allowed scientists to continually observe its changes over time, which had greatly enhanced scientific knowledge of the supernova phenomenon.

This article was first reported by ScienceNow, a news service of Science Magazine and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Supplementary material came from the NASA website: http://imagine.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/science/know_12/supernovae.html.

Face transplants: science fiction becomes reality

by Hannah Stahle '03
SCIENCE EDITOR

We've all seen the movie *Face/Off*, where John Travolta's character undergoes a risky surgical procedure to have his face removed and replaced with the face of his archenemy Castor Troy, played by Nicholas Cage. In the movie, the two characters swap faces and end up trading identities completely.

Some of the most memorable scenes from the movie involve seeing John Travolta's face completely unattached to the rest of John Travolta, and Nicholas Cage with absolutely no face at all, which is relatively disturbing considering how important one's face is in defining identity. This couldn't really happen, could it? Amazingly enough, this type of face transplant technology is only about six to nine months away.

Currently, Peter Butler, a plastic surgeon from London's Royal Free Hospital, says that the technique of face transplants is just on the horizon; however, Butler says the important question surrounding face transplant "is not 'Can we do it?' but 'Should we do it?'" This procedure sparks an enormous ethical and moral debate concerning the use of faces of recently deceased people for transplant. How important is a person's face in defining his or her identity? Would those who received a face transplant from a deceased individual look like that person? Would anyone willingly agree to have another person's face in place of his or her own? Would anyone agree to donate his or her face for this procedure?

According to Butler, a recent survey he carried out interviewing over 120 people, including several doctors and other hospital staff, reported that "while people would, in general, accept a face transplant if they required it, they would actually not be willing to donate." With the technology in place, the British Association of Plastic Surgeons will sit down this month to debate these ethical and moral issues surrounding this new procedure.

Despite the reservations many may have about this procedure, it could bring about the answer to the prayers of many people who hope for a more normal life. The face transplant procedure will only be available to those people who are suffering from severe facial disfigurations due to accidents, burns, or cancer. As this surgery would not be done for aesthetic reasons, there are a remarkably small number of people who would qualify for this procedure; for example, in England alone, there are probably only 10 to 15 candidates for face transplants.

Currently, the face is one of the most difficult portions of the body to reconstruct. The delicate movements of muscles and the sensitivity of nerves are essential to reconstructing the movement of the face and the ability to maintain facial expression; however, in many cases after severe injury to the face, many of these muscles and nerves are damaged and destroyed, resulting in an immobility of the face.

Another problem with facial reconstruction occurs when grafts of skin must be used. Grafts of skin are taken from other areas of the patient's body; however, because this skin lacks the network of sensitive nerves and intricate muscle, the grafts of skin are immobile, giving the skin a mask-like appearance.

There have also been problems with graft rejection. Until recently, there has been no effective treatment for the rejection of these grafts by the patient's own immune system. Now, however, new research has produced better anti-rejection medication, and the body's immune response to these grafts can be controlled. Other advances have taken place in the production of nerve and skin growth factors that stimulate the growth of nerves and skin once a graft, or transplant, is complete.

These new advances, along with a significant advance in microsurgery, have led surgeons like Butler to look toward face transplants as a possibility. The procedure would begin by the removal of the face, including subcutaneous fat, nerves, arteries, and muscles, from a recently deceased individual. The face of the patient, including the subcutaneous fat and muscles, would also be removed. Surgeons would then begin the delicate and meticulous task of connecting all the nerves, arteries, and muscles in the face to ensure some degree of movement and sensitivity.

While many people have concerns that walking replicas of deceased persons would be walking around, many argue that is not the case. Martin Evison, an expert in forensic facial reconstruction at the University of Sheffield, England, states that "the musculature of the face is particular to a skull as it develops. Muscles in the face of one person would have to be resculpted if they were to be transplanted to another skull-and the face would not look the same."

In most of the proposed face transplant procedures, which are simply "skin envelope" transplants, where only the skin, fat, and blood vessels are transplanted, it is clear that the recipient would not take on any of the characteristics of the donor. In a more complex procedure, however, when there was more serious disfiguration, a bone transplant could also be performed, transplanting bone from the donor's face to the recipient. In these cases, it is plausible to believe that there would be a resemblance between the donor and recipient.

Only time will tell if this procedure is plausible. Despite the ethical and moral considerations surrounding face transplants, the fact remains that this procedure could be the only hope for many severely disfigured patients to gain some semblance of a normal life.

Features

Sex 'n' the Campus: touchy subject pops up

by Rebecca Fabricant '03
FEATURES WRITER

"The Sex Booklet," a subject of ongoing controversy on the Hill, will soon be arriving in student mailboxes. At the end of Fall Semester 2001, seven students created a booklet on sex education that features sex-positive information.

Three of the authors, still students at Hamilton, doubled as activists and succeeded in bringing the booklet into the Hamilton community at large. (Two of the authors have graduated; the other is now abroad.)

I had the opportunity to discuss with these three women, Colby Fisher '03, Liora Hoffman '03, and Jessie Turner '03, the booklet itself, what it means to them, and the process and struggle it took to get the booklet distributed to every enrolled Hamilton student.

"The Sex Booklet" contains "information on policy, protection and pleasure," said Fisher. The three creators stressed their common feeling that this educational booklet is an important step in opening up a much needed dialogue about sex in the Hamilton community.

"We see sexual assault on this campus; we see sex and women being disrespected, and there's a definite silence around issues of sex and sexuality on this campus," said Turner.

The group emphasized that the language of the booklet is purposefully non-technical or medical. "Efforts were made to make the information easily accessible to the college students," said Hoffman.

The booklet seeks to legitimize frank talk on the subject of sex and hopefully create a campus-wide discussion about sexuality. The group plans to hold discussion groups and other forums after the booklets are distributed.

Fisher, Hoffman, and Turner stressed that "The Sex Booklets" are designed for no particular audience and thus do not discriminate on the basis of sexual preference. "There's something in it for everyone," said Turner.

During Spring 2002, the authors addressed practical issues surrounding the project, including editing and the search for funding. This semester, funding from the Kirkland Endowment prepared the team for campus-wide distribution. The booklet was also supported by SAC, Group Q, the Womyn's Center, and the Irwin Chair of Women's Studies.

Turner dropped off the manuscript at the campus print shop in early October. She pointed out that the only written stipulation for printing at the print shop was that the honor code should be observed. There were no stipulations concerning censorship of content.

The Dean of Students Office soon contacted the group with concerns. The students were informed that the content of the booklets had concerned some people from the print shop, who had then contacted the Dean of Students Office.

The group met with Dean Thompson to discuss the purposes of the booklet so as to ensure that the office would be better equipped to respond to questions that might come up after distribution. The students stressed to me that Dean Thompson pointed out that the issue was not with the booklet itself, but rather with putting it in everyone's mailboxes.

There was worry that some students might find some of the material offensive. If it were placed in every mailbox, a student would not have the choice of whether or not to pick up the booklet. "We explained we wanted students to have easy and non-embarrassing access to the information as well as to create campus-wide discussion," said Hoffman. The meeting fully addressed these concerns.

After this meeting, the group believed that they had a firm go-ahead for the project. Soon after, however, the students were contacted by Dean Thompson and told that the President's Office had concerns about whether the Mail Center would be the appropriate means for distributing the booklets. Turner then called the print shop and was told that the group would not be allowed to collect the booklets; they had been put on hold.

A final meeting to discuss the fate of the booklet included the project's three creators, President Tobin, Executive Assistant to the President Meredith Harper Bonham and Secretary to the Board of Trustees, Associate Dean of Faculty Timothy Elgren, and Dean Thompson. Six professors from various departments also came to the meeting to show their support for the students.

The students were offered the use of a table in Beinecke from which they could distribute the booklets for one day over the course of an hour or two. Once finished, they would have to make sure that no extra booklets were lying around, so as to prevent someone from accidentally picking one up, reading it, and taking offense.

The students refused this venue of distribution: "Sexual information is taboo on this campus. When the booklets are in everyone's mailboxes, there is no stigma attached, no one is being singled out," said Fisher.

Fisher, Hoffman, and Turner offered to distribute the booklets in the same manner in which the Daily Bull and the Spectator are distributed, but this approach was denied as well.

During the meeting, Fisher, Hoffman, and Turner pointed to offensive jokes in the Daily Bull (such as a joke promoting wife-beating), yet their requests for the same kind of distribution were denied. The students offered to compromise on one point: they would agree to put a disclaimer on the front of the booklet, noting that sexual information was included. The students left the meeting believing that they had been unsuccessful in persuading the administration to understand their point of view.

Twenty minutes after the meeting, the Dean of Students Office contacted the group and informed them that they could distribute the booklets via campus mail after all, as long as they were willing to agree upon, and then include, a disclaimer.

"Hamilton is a private institution, so First Amendment rights are not applicable. In its privateness, Hamilton has the right to monitor on-campus information. Students don't know that," said Turner.

"Even if you don't agree with the actual content of the booklet, a liberal arts education should offer a range of ideas on a range of issues and the right to have access to those ideas," said Hoffman

Although the booklet was originally written with an educational goal as part of a class project, some people may find the material offensive. For this reason, the College wrestled with prohibiting mail center distribution.

In the end, however, it was determined that to refuse such a request might also be the start down a slippery slope with regard to First Amendment issues. The College required that a disclaimer be attached to the booklet alerting people to the sexually explicit contents," said Dean Thompson. "The College supports free speech. The academic endeavor depends on it," said Dean Thompson.

"In the midst of this struggle, I decided to try to take a fresh look at the booklet from the administration's perspective. Why would they feel the need to separate it from all other student publications and continuously label it as offensive? Then after looking over it again, I was struck by the fact that there's nothing but positive information in it that is usually left silenced," said Hoffman.

Hoffman went on to say, "I want people to know what a struggle this was. We had to fight to provide people with knowledge."

Behind the title: What Dean Paris does at Hamilton

by Jonathan L. Kuhl '06
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

What do college administrators really do? They have all kinds of titles and hold important sounding positions, but what role do administrators such as deans really play at Hamilton? As his long, fancy title might suggest, Professor of Government and Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty David C. Paris, Ph.D., plays an integral role in many areas of the College.

An unpretentious man whose staff seems to respect and admire, Dean Paris has a hand in just about every aspect of College business. A semi-typical week begins with a Monday morning meeting with President Tobin. During the week, he has appointments with faculty members over issues ranging from retirement to tenure. He continually works on the budget and discusses key programs with various representatives. Finally, he ends the week by spending Friday with the Trustees.

Dean Paris began his career at Hamilton as a student, where he majored in Government. He remembers writing occasionally for the Spectator and playing intramural sports. After receiving a Ph.D. from Syracuse University and working at another college, Paris made the decision to return to his alma mater, albeit in a reversed role.

Although he was looking at Hamilton from a different perspective when he applied for the dean's position than when he was deciding where to attend college as an undergraduate, Paris said that he chose Hamilton because it was a place where one could be both a "teacher and scholar."

Now that he is in the position that ultimately decides which individuals join the faculty, Paris says that he looks for people who know "what it means to teach at a liberal arts college." He points out that factors like non-academic work experience or where one went to graduate school vary depending on the department in which people are looking to work.

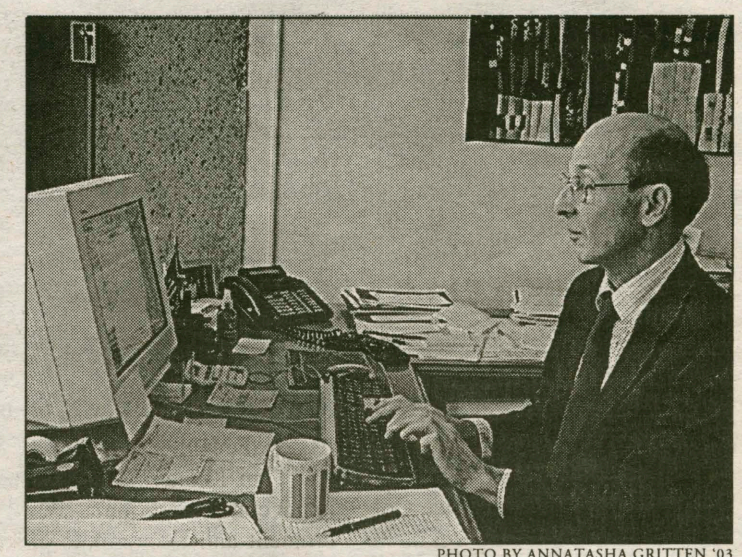
His main role in dealing with the faculty is to "recruit, support, assist, and maintain." For example, Dean Paris is in charge of supporting faculty who want to develop sophomore seminars and monitoring the faculty's student advising.

In addition to his work with the faculty, Paris takes an interest in several other aspects of the Hamilton educational experience. This spring he will be traveling abroad to visit the College's academic programs in France and Spain.

Although he supports Hamilton's no-requirements policy, which lets "students take ownership of their learning," he does worry that students may avoid certain areas in which they otherwise would have to take courses.

Dean Paris is also responsible for a significant amount of Hamilton's operating budget. He accounts for all of the separate department budgets, the money needed for new equipment, the dean's budget, and the money needed for faculty travel. Once he determines how much money is needed for the areas that he controls, he negotiates with the other College officers to come up with the final numbers for the entire budget. The budget process, which starts early in the fall, ends in March.

Dean Paris also works with the Trustees, who officially visit the campus four times a year.



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Dean Paris attending to his many responsibilities.

Along with having to formally approve whether or not a professor gets tenure, the Board of Trustees is divided into various committees. Paris works most closely with the committees that deal with student instruction and building projects.

Most recently, Paris also finds himself on the search committee for Hamilton's next President. Although the search remains in its early stages, he would like to see a candidate who has a "broad strategic view of Hamilton, understands the curriculum, is sensitive to diversity, and can get people behind him or herself."

Paris's view is that there is really no single factor that can make or break candidates, including whether or not, for example, a candidate has a Ph.D.

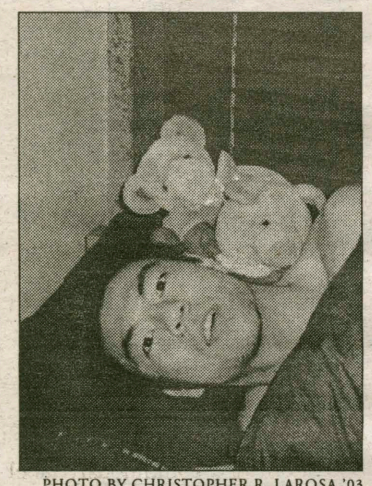
With important new issues such as this always popping up along with his myriad regular duties, as Dean Paris says, "there's hardly ever a typical day."

International students find turkey and tradition

by Christopher R. LaRosa '03
SENIOR EDITOR

Thanksgiving's history in our country is long and varied. The holiday stems from the Puritan harvest, and today's notion of Native Americans and Pilgrims dining hand in hand is an accurate representation of the first joint harvest festival in the 17th century, though the holiday has a spotted history in the years that followed the initial celebration.

While most students anticipate the familiar turkey and travel during the Thanksgiving holiday, each November international students on the Hill are faced with a truly foreign experience.



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Takehiko Kaminogo '03 increased his hours of rest roughly 30 percent during the Thanksgiving break.

As the inescapable American holiday arrives each year, Hamilton's international students visit immigrant family, stay with friends, or spend their break on the Hill. Regardless of their locale on Thursday, though, nearly all meet with a turkey and stuffing.

"It first appeared in North America, and it stayed there," said Mithat Yaltir '03, an international student, commenting on the holiday's uniqueness.

Yaltir said that few cultural celebrations first appeared on the North American continent and that very few American cultural inventions stay within the country's borders.

What did international students spend their thanksgiving breaks doing this fall? Tenma Otsuk '05 was unwittingly enlisted to aid in his friend's holiday preparations.

"My friend was like, 'come over to my house.' When I showed up, he was like, 'Here's your job — peel the potatoes.' It's huge here. Everybody prepares for it."

Otsuk was rewarded for peeling efforts with an enormous supply of turkey. "It was so big, 20 lbs. We only ate a quarter of it.... They must have been eating turkey for a week," said Otsuk.

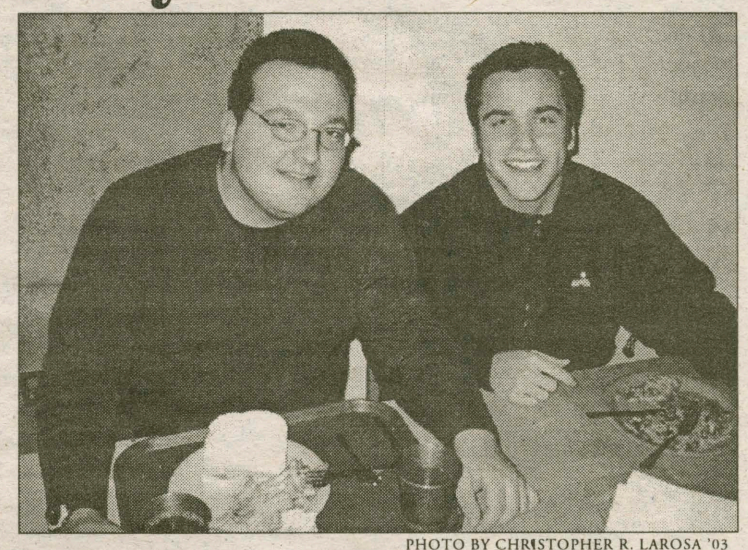
Mithat Yaltir '03 and his brother Ahmet Yaltir '04 spent the holiday weekend with their friend Christopher Fogelstrom '03. During their visit the brothers fielded questions from Fogelstrom's family about the popularity of the food turkey in their homeland Turkey.

The Yaltirs partook in a Thanksgiving feast and day-after shopping at the West Farms Mall in West Hartford, Connecticut, with the Fogelstroms. "I love the 24 hours of Eastwood the day after," said Mithat, highlighting his affinity for the TBS weekend lineup.

Some international students use the holiday as an opportunity to visit relatives living in the States. "I went down to DC to see my aunt who lives there. It was my first Thanksgiving, a lot of food: turkey, stuffing, we didn't have cranberry sauce for some reason, pecan pie. It was good getting away from campus. I had a great time," said Zara Ahsanuddin, a first-year student from Pakistan.

Maud Terraillon '04 visited her mother's uncle, a French immigrant during WWII. Although Terraillon enjoyed her Turkey, dessert didn't settle well with her: "I don't like the pecan pie."

Takehiko Kaminogo '03, like many students stay on campus during Thanksgiving break, found his way to a dinner table at a faculty member's house on Thursday. The rest of the break for those who remain on the Hill is an opportunity to take the serenity of Hamilton's natural surroundings and participate in deviant behavior in the absence of other students.



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Mithat Yaltir '03 (left) and Christopher Fogelstrom '03 enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast at Fogelstrom's house. Pictured in McEwen, both long for Fogelstrom's mom's scrumdidlyumptious treats.

"I saw lots of deer, and I played music loudly on the quiet floor," confessed Kaminogo of his Thanksgiving weekend exploits.

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Is just one good enough? The "major" question

by Allison Davis '06
ASSISTANT FEATURES EDITOR

Have you ever considered double majoring, but then dismissed the possibility outright because it would be too much work, or an endeavor only overachievers choose to take to? More and more frequently, college students are choosing to accept this challenge, and taking on multiple concentrations is quickly becoming common.

At some colleges and universities the multiple major phenomenon has risen to new levels of scholastic masochism. Students at schools such as the George Washington University, Connecticut College, and Rice College are allowed the option to triple, quadruple, or even quintuple major in completely different disciplines. Incredibly, students are exercising these options with increasing frequency.

If starting from scratch on concentrations in this many areas seems impossible to complete during the span of four years, that's because it often is. At some institutions (however, not at Hamilton) students are allowed to automatically count AP courses taken in high school towards their majors.

Depending on the number of AP courses student have taken and their school's policy towards crediting, some undergraduates enter their freshman year with multiple credits, making it easier to graduate early or to multiple-major. Students without the AP advantage often choose to postpone graduation and take an extra year to complete all of their requirements for multiple majors.

At Hamilton, it is quite possible to double major, and many students choose to do so. Over 14% of the class of 2002 graduating with double majors. Although this is certainly a minority, the fact remains that it is slightly more than 1 out of every 10 students; thus, double majors are not oddities on the Hill.

Tom Keane '03, a double-major concentrating in both Government and Economics, spoke on the downsides of his course track. "It really limits your options for the classes you can take in other departments [outside of your concentration].

If you wanted to take, say, a dance course that you found interesting, then you might not be able to just because you wouldn't finish your requirements in time."

Keane also pointed out administrative problems that he and others have had because of double-majoring. The main issue of concern is the fact that many double majors only get emails from one of their concentration departments due to mix-ups in the registrar's office. Thus, double majors often do not receive important announcements and coursework from one of their areas of study.

Some Hamilton students think that two concentrations should remain the maximum, especially at a liberal arts college where taking courses in various areas, and involvement in extracurricular activities, is encouraged. In some students' opinions, three-plus concentrations would actually be detrimental to the learning experience.

"Hamilton is demanding to the point that students who double major already max themselves out. Three majors would lower the quality of your education, at least here... schools with less demanding curriculums could let someone do it more easily, but it's not really a possibility here," Andy Berman '06 said.

Given this point of view, one might ask whether all the extra work necessary to complete such a venture is actually worth the effort in the long run.

An article in the Nov. 17 issue of the New York Times investigated this issue and found that much of the logic behind the drive to multiple-major is due to graduate school and career worries. In today's tight job market, students often believe that specializing in multiple areas may provide them with more versatility, giving them a "leg up" on the competition.

Students may be increasingly gung-ho about plunging into multiple concentrations, but many administrators and faculty at the colleges they attend are skeptical.

Some schools are attempting to stem the tide of students declaring more than one concentration. At MIT, the Committee on Curricula recently imposed stricter guidelines on multiple concentrations and plans on forbidding students in pre-med and engineering programs to tackle other majors.
Macalester strongly advises students to concentrate in one area (even though a third of their 2002 graduating class chose otherwise), and UCLA (like Hamilton) has disallowed the use of AP credits towards a degree.

The Times interviewed Yale Dean of Academic Affairs Mark Schenker, who encapsulated the administrative point of view on the situation in a single phrase: "My suspicion is that they [multiple concentrations] are more valuable to the seller than the buyer."

A more pressing concern for students is that multiple-majoring might turn into the norm in today's institutions of higher learning. If this becomes the case, students may feel even more pressure to take on another concentration, regardless of their desire to learn it, and in turn be compelled to drop extracurricular activities that could impinge on their study time.

Hamilton recognizes nearly 100 student-run extracurricular organizations in addition to Greek societies and varsity and junior varsity sports teams. The balance between schoolwork and extracurriculars can be made or broken by a student's decision to concentrate in more than one area.

Matt Zeller '05 expressed concern with the "shrinking" of the liberal arts experience.

"I would applaud anyone who triple-majors; but here, with extracurriculars, I'd personally be too busy. I'd be curious to see what else these people do and how much they can be involved with all the work they must have. At Hamilton, there's so much else [besides studying] that you can do," he said.

The solution to this dilemma lies in one's personal answer to an important question: is college primarily about getting a standard education, or is it the experience that matters most? Before any student at the College on the Hill gets in over their head, they need to think carefully about what they want Hamilton to provide.

Arts & Entertainment

Hamilton College Department of Music to Present Orchestra Concert December 12

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Relax with some classical music in Wellin, Dec. 12.

Clinton, NY - The Hamilton College Department of Music will present a concert by the College Orchestra, conducted by Heather Buchman on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 8 p.m. at Wellin Hall in the Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts on the campus of Hamilton College. This concert features *The Hebrides*, also known as *Fingal's Cave* by Felix Mendelssohn, Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7* and Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances Suite III."

Colleen Roberts Pellman will be the guest harpsichordist for the Respighi selection.

Felix Mendelssohn composed *The Hebrides Overture* in 1830, having been recently inspired by a trip to the islands of the same name off the northwest coast of Scotland. This overture exemplifies the Romantic impulse towards the graphic depiction of nature.

Beethoven's *Symphony No. 7 in A* (written in 1811-1812) represents an advance in Beethoven's continuing expansion of the dimensions of the classical symphonic form.

Respighi's "Ancient Airs and Dances Suite III" is an elegant arrangement of early music that has been adapted from miscellaneous pieces for the lute dating back from the 16th and 17th century.

This concert is free and open to the public. All seats are general admission. There will be a reception immediately following the performance. For more information, please call the box office at 859-4331. Box Office hours are 1-4 weekdays.

Spike Jonze's *Adaptation*

Movie News from Brian Sweeney '06

This week will see a few interesting new releases. Unfortunately, the most exciting of all, *Adapatation*, does not seem to be playing at a theater near you. It is the story of screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, who adapts a novel into a movie in probably the strangest, most intriguing and entertaining way imaginable. The film, directed by Spike Jonze, is reportedly one of the most inventive and wonderful films of the year. So naturally it doesn't warrant being played in any theater within a one hundred mile radius of this institution. But you shouldn't be worried, moviegoers, Adam Sandler's *Eight Crazy Nights* is still playing in just about every theater around. So if you didn't get conned out of your money over Thanksgiving break, you still have an opportunity to this weekend, here in Clinton.

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***Adaptation,* playing in select cities, stars Meryl Streep and Nicolas Cage.**

In other news, Robert Zemeckis revealed some of his plans for adapting the popular Christmas story *The Polar Express* into a feature film. The movie already has Tom Hanks attached to star, but what wasn't clear was just how much of Hanks would be seen on screen, and now that is less clear. One fear of many actors and film production crew members with the rise of digital technology is that all of their jobs may well be replaced by the computer. Well, Zemeckis doesn't seem too worried about those fears. P.J. Huffstutter of the Los Angeles Times found this out, "All of the scenes in *The Polar Express* will be shot with digital cameras in front of a blank screen, with sets to be filled in later by computers. The actors will be covered in motion-capture sensors so that each move of an arm, each flicker of an eyelid and each wrinkle of a lip will be stored on a computer and used as guide for the digital animators who will create the actual movie footage."

It seems definite that all backgrounds and sets will be created digitally, but what I'm not sure about is whether or not there will be real actors in the film. It seems that some of the characters will be seen in the flesh, while others will be completely computer generated. For instance, Tom Hanks' character will be shown at some point in his youth. The visual effects artists have been using all the information they can input into the computer about Hanks' face, muscle movements and nose-twitches, as well as pictures of Hanks as a child, to create a digital actor for the scenes. If successful, this could be a big milestone in film technology, as well as being highly controversial.

Keeping on the subject of children's movies, it seems that Steven Spielberg, after attempting to for quite a long time, is going to film a production based upon the popular comic strip "Tintin," created by French cartoonist Georges Remi under the pseudonym of Herge. While there have been many animated adaptations of the young reporter's story, it seems that Spielberg and producer Kathleen Kennedy intend to film a live action version. Dreamworks and Universal Pictures are currently negotiating for the rights. It is unclear whether or not Spielberg intends to direct. I would guess not, but it seems definite that he will produce the movie. No release date has been given.

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In between study sessions, check out *Analyze That* at Sangertown this weekend.

Also opening this weekend is the not so long-awaited sequel to 1999's second best story concerning a mobster visiting a therapist: *Analyze That*. If you are interested in knowing the plot, then just watch the first movie

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Independent Music Fund concert rocks the Annex

Blake Erb '05 reports on a smashing good time

Daryl brought the house down as the Independent Music Fund (IMF) put on its first concert in conjunction with WHCL-FM on Wednesday, December 4, featuring *A Long Since Forgotten*, *Moneybags Gram*, *This Afternoon* and a highly competitive and intense drum-off.

The IMF began its concert with an all-inclusive drum-off. The winner received a limited edition poster signed by all of the bands who performed in the concert. Seven competitors stepped up on stage to show their expertise on the drums. Contestants included the IMF's very own Ben Turner and Chris Marcal as well as infamous campus drummers Matthew Speer and Christopher Fogelstrom. Off-campus rockers included Caleb from *Long Since Forgotten*, a local area drummer and Daryl, who took the kit last. Attending simply to pick up his son, he proceeded to bring the house down with his amazing drum skills. Go Daryl! The drum-off will be included in all future IMF shows, so all drummers should keep their sticks handy.

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***This Afternoon* played a loud, but enjoyable 30 minute set.**

After the drum-off, Syracuse hard emo-rock band, *This Afternoon*, blasted away on stage. The band played old and new songs, including WHCL favorite "To Be Where You Are." *This Afternoon* played an incredible 30-minute set, playing so loud that study groups in Beinecke were forced to shut the barn doors. Sorry about that guys!

Following *This Afternoon* was Binghamton indie rock band *Moneybags Gram*. These super nice guys from Binghamton drove all the to Hamtech to bless us with an incredible live show. Arriving just before *This Afternoon* wrapped up their set, *Moneybags* did a quick sound check and rocked the stage just minutes after getting out of their cold tour van. The band played a sweet set including songs from their new EP, which totally rocks by the way.

Last but definitely not least

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LAST WEEKEND AT THE MOVIES

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   $200,159,012
2. *Die Another Day*
   $31,010,183
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3. *The Santa Clause 2*
   $12,133,257
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4. *Treasure Planet*
   $12,083,248
   $16,599,714
5. *Eight Crazy Nights*
   $9,434,175
   $14,045,244
6. *Friday After Next*
   $7,363,181
   $25,048,794
7. *Solaris*
   $6,752,722
   $9,418,664
8. *8 Mile*
   $5,758,815
   $107,393,455
9. *The Ring*
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Judge Smails was the former president of the Bushwood Country Club until Al Czervik recently purchased it. He is an avid golf fan, and he "never slices". He currently resides in Miami with his beautiful wife and his nephew Spaulding.

A Holiday with David Sedaris

Between the sheets: book reviews by Taylor Fleming-Henning '04

Although it seems as though the professors enjoy reading during Thanksgiving break (indicated by the number of papers I turned in before taking off for Turkey Day in Seattle) I think of a break as, well, a break! When you read a minimum of one novel, 25 poems, a classic play and several hundred pages of analytical drivel, you, too, will find difficulty in reading a STOP sign during vacation time.

However, since I am so dedicated to my readers, and the fact that I had 13 accumulated hours of plane riding ahead of me, and that even I could get bored of staring at the air-phone in the back of the seat in front of me flash its five standard messages the entire ride, I bought a book.

In light of the coming holiday season, I chose *Holidays on Ice*, by my hero and idol, David Sedaris. Nothing could get me more into the holiday spirit than a few wacked out, cynical stories about joy, love, prostitution and money in this the most joyous season of the year.

Thousands of miles above Lake Michigan, I propped the mini, standard issue plane pillow behind my head and opened to the first story, "The SantaLand Diaries." The story is an account of Sedaris' stint as an elf in Macy's SantaLand. While shuffling through hundreds of thousands of eager children, even more eager parents and some adults, Sedaris, renamed 'Crumpet,' found a few things that were funny enough to write about: the elf Snowball who flirts with all the other elves, or the Santa, who has obviously internalized *Miracle on 34th Street* because, when asked what he does for a living, he answers, "I make toys for all the children" (27).

Continuing in the Holiday spirit is the story of "Dinah, the Christmas Whore," which is a heart-warming tale of how Sedaris' sister saves a friend, co-worker, and ex-prostitute from her drunken male friend (whatever that means) and brings her home. There, the "whore" and the Sedaris family discover new meaning in the phrase, "Ho, ho, ho," while enjoying a warm evening of cocktails and laughter as "the only family in the neighborhood with a prostitute in [their] kitchen" (90). If only we could all be so lucky.

These two (and four other) stories made me laugh so hard, I had to climb over the sleepy passengers in the middle and aisle seats to run to the bathroom, even though the 'FASTEN SEATBELT' was on. This book would be a great read for you or as a gift. (Yep, bust out your wallet, it's CHRISTMAS!!) Whatever, read it or suffer a silent life without laughter. You choose. Merry Christmas.

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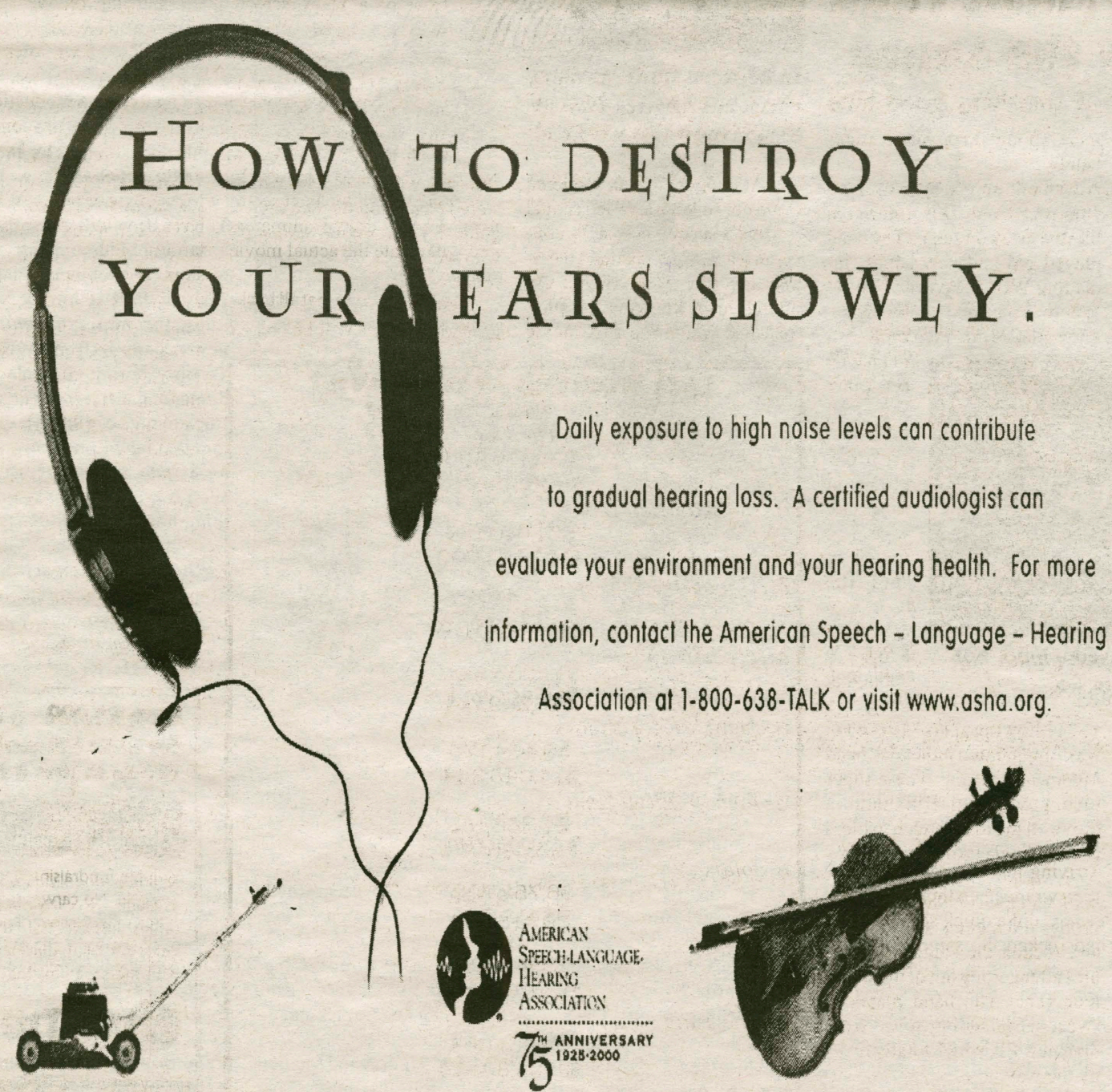
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IMF concert in the Annex

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One of many highlights, *Moneybags Gram* played songs from their new EP during a rocking set.

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was the headliner of the show, *Long Since Forgotten*. One of my personal faves, I was super-pumped to see these guys for the second time in five weeks. *Long Since Forgotten*, an incredible emo-rock band from Syracuse, played many songs from their new album, "All The Things You Said..." as well as a new song that totally blew my mind. *Long Since Forgotten* and *Moneybags Gram* are playing in Syracuse on December 29 and I can guarantee that I will be there.

Despite a smaller than expected crowd turnout, the concert was a success and all of the bands loved playing at Hamilton College. The Independent Music Fund plans on bringing alternative and independent music concerts, such as the Dec. 4 show, to campus as often as possible. Look for a HUGE punk and hardcore extravaganza on February 1st.

Men's hockey starts fast, scores often

by Charles Spiliotis '03
SPORTS EDITOR

The Hamilton men's hockey team has jumped out of the gates quickly again in the 2002-2003 campaign, picking up two wins and a tie in its first three contests. The Continentals, who finished with a 14-10-1 record a year ago—good enough for third in the NESCAC, will look to make a statement with a pair of tough home contests (St. Michael's, Norwich) including the annual Citrus Bowl at the Sage this weekend.

"The team has six seniors this year, which is a very large number for our program. Having that sort of leadership really helps on the ice and in the locker room; these guys have been in the program and have matured, now it's their time to shine," said coach Phil Grady, now in his 17th year at the helm.

In its home opener, the Continentals took on Cortland State in a non-conference matchup that would serve as a tune-up for the Citrus Bowl. Hamilton played aggressively for sixty minutes, pressuring Cortland and dominating with hard work on both sides of the puck. Matt Harrison '03 got the scoring going at the 6:56 mark of the first and the home team would never look back. Kevin Audit '03 would net a pair of goals, and Harrison, Tom Ditzer '04, Ryan Bailey '03, and Jeff Corey '04 all were multiple point-scorers in the 8-2 victory. The eight Continental goals was actually 0.33 under their season average, which ranks them first in the nation in scoring per game, more than a goal ahead of second ranked Babson, at 7.20.

Hamilton's matchup with the Babson Beavers didn't appear to be a dangerous one coming in; the Beavers finished just 8-14-3 in the 2001-2002 campaign. But an improved Babson team refused to quit. After a hard fought first period in which the Continentals and Beavers exchanged power-play goals (Gus Katsuras '06), the visitors exploded in the second, scoring three consecutive goals. Elliot Altberg '05, coming off a rookie season in which he led the team in assists with 19, struck first in the second, notching the go-ahead goal from captain and last year's second team All-NESCAC performer Rob Gordon '03. Next up was Gil Schipani '03, who slid a second power-play goal past the Babson goalie from Gordon and Altberg, giving Hamilton a 3-1 cushion. After Altberg added one more, it looked like the Conts would take a commanding 4-1 lead into the second intermission, but a Derek Nisula goal with just 16 ticks left cut it to 4-2. Babson carried that momentum into the final period, where it would net two more goals to send it to overtime. Despite some good scoring opportunities in overtime, the Conts could not convert, and the game would end in a disappointing tie.

"Our guys worked hard a played a really good game, but it's just disappointing that we let it get away like that," said Grady. "We had three good chances in overtime, but we didn't finish."

The first game of the year for the Conts ended up a laugher, as Hamilton went in and embarrassed Umass-Boston on its home ice. With several Umass-Boston players serving a suspension from last season, the Beacons were clearly outmatched from beginning to end. The scoring barrage for Hamilton was led by a pair of freshman poised to make big impacts in 2002-2003. Both Katsuras and Jeff Vatour '06 recorded hat tricks in their first collegiate games, an unbelievable feat. Audit and Altberg both had two goals in the win as well. When the smoke cleared, Hamilton had a 13-4 victory, and a good foundation for the rest of the season.

In the annual Citrus Bowl on Friday night, the Purple Knights of St. Michael's will be coming to town looking to avenge their 5-3 home loss at the hands of Hamilton a year ago. The Division II Knights bring their 1-2 record to Sage with hopes of avoiding the usual fruit barrage. The Knights' top two returners are a pair of junior forwards—Gavin Faretra (two goals, three assists) and Justin Quenneville (five goals), who will face goalie Rob MacNeil '04 on Friday night.

Saturday afternoon's game should pose a huge challenge for the Continentals, as national #1 Norwich comes to town carrying its perfect 4-0-0 record. The Cadets are coming off a year in which they finished 27-5-0 and lost to Wisconsin-Superior 3-2 in overtime in the Division III National Championship Game. After defeating Hamilton on its home ice 6-2 early last season, the Cadets will try to avoid the power of Sage on Saturday.

Norwich alum Grady commented, "They're number one in the nation: they're big, strong, and fast. We played them tough for twenty minutes last year and were up 2-0 after the first period, but took our foot off the pedal and lost. We need to play our best game for 60 minutes, and not allow them to get going if we're going to be successful."

Athletes of the week: Kashner and Choi

by Paul P. Jones '03
SPORTS WRITER

This week the Spectator would like to honor swimmer Maria Choi '03 and diver Cady Kashner '03 as Spectator Co-Athletes of the Week. In a tri-meet with Ithaca College and Hartwick College, Kashner was victorious in both the 1M and 3M boards, achieving qualifying marks in both events. For her efforts she was named ECAC and UCAA diver of the week. Choi came in second in the 200IM and 200 Breast and 1st in the 200 fly to earn UCAA swimmer of the week honors.

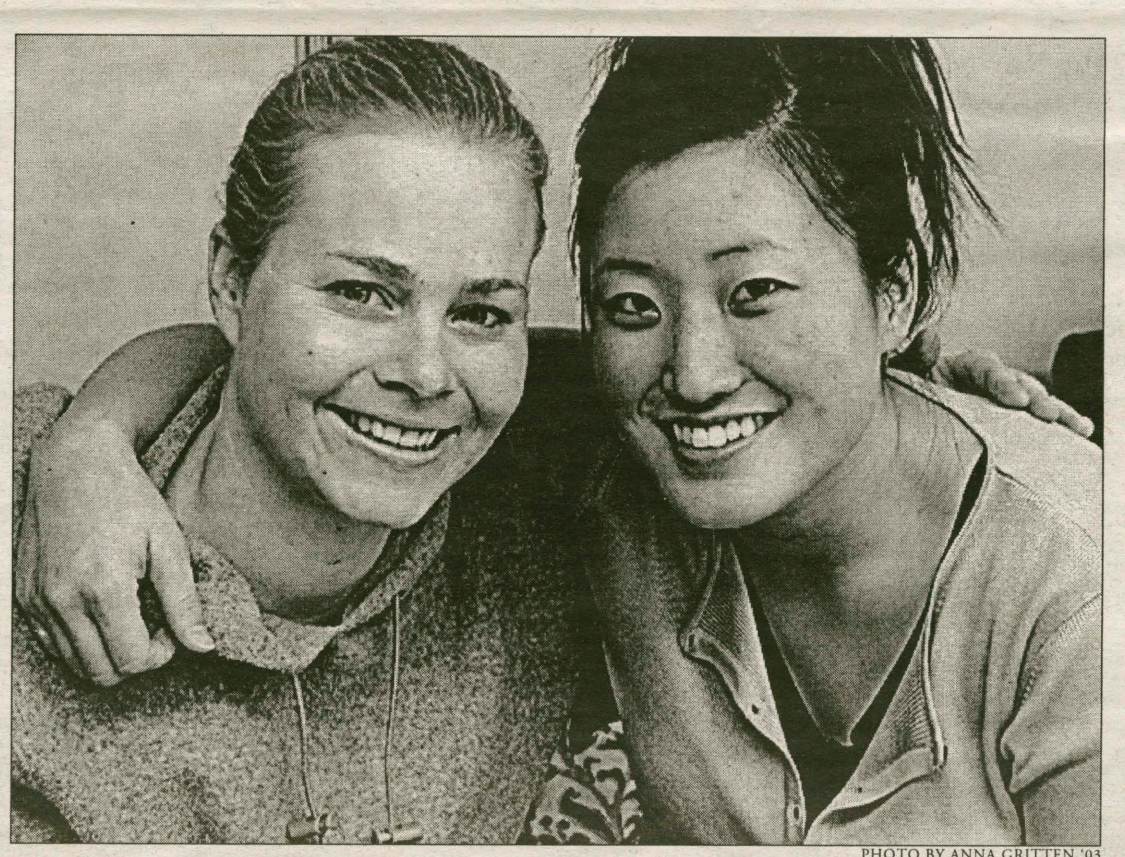

PHOTO BY ANNA GRITTEN '03

Cady Kashner and Maria Choi enjoy hot tubs amd shaving parties.

Name: Cady Kashner '03
Nickname: Kash Money
Hometown/HS: Plantation Fl/ Pinecrest High School
Major: Asian Studies
Class you would recommend to any underclassmen: Studies in Jazz
Events: 1M and 3M Diver
Athletic Accolades: As a freshmen set school records on the 1M and 3M and was 4th and 7th respectively at nationals. 2nd-time All-American.
Goals for the season: Team wise the same as Maria, Individually I would obviously like to and plan on qualifying for nationals on the 1M and 3M boards. You have to meet qualifying scores 3 times and I am 1-for-1 as of now.
Meet ritual or superstitions: I just take names and kick ass.
Is a diving meet tiring: It is a grueling abdominal workout, but it is more mentally tiring. You have to think about a lot of things on the board, but once you jump off you have to just let your body take over.
Do you ever get scared when you are about to attempt a tough dive: Sometimes, if I think about it too much. I love the rush of trying a new dive; it usually gets me off the board.
What is that little tub next to the diving board: That is actually a hot tub, we actually just lounge in it most of practice.
Do you find the shower after practice refreshing: Not at all, especially after spending the last two hours in a hot tub.
Latest Hamilton trend you can't really get into: Kleptomaniacs and paying $5 to $10 for Bundy parties. Aren't they supposed to be free?
Favorite thing about CNY: How after four years you finally get used to winter's seasonal depression, squeaky cheese and Saranac Beer.

Name: Maria Choi '03
Nickname: Ragging
Hometown/HS: Amherst MA/ Amherst High School
Major: Sociology
Class you would recommend to any underclassmen: Musical Perceptions
Favorite thing about CNY: Bon Appetite's Strawberry Rhubarb Pie, chicken riggies and the CNY accent.
Events: 200 Individual Medley, 200 Butterfly, 200 Breast Stroke
Athletic Accolades: B-level national qualifier in 2002, UCAA swimmer of the week.
Goals for the season: To qualify for nationals in all 3 of my events. I made the B-Standards last year just missing out. As a team we would like to come in the top-three at NESCACs and win UCAAs
Top rival: Middlebury, they are loud, obnoxious and unfriendly; we want to beat them so badly.
Do you find it boring swimming for hours on end and never really getting anywhere: Terribly boring, I think about dinner and also try to get a song stuck in my head - I'm currently into that new Eminem song.
Meet ritual or superstitions: Well it is more of a season long thing but... We don't shave our legs from November 1st until NESCACs in February. Some of the girls can get pretty hairy - like gorillas you could say.
So at the end of the year does EVERYTHING get shaved so you can swim faster: Yes, we have a shaving party at our hotel, it can get pretty wild.
When you have to go to the bathroom, do you go in the pool: When we were freshmen we didn't, but now we just let it loose.
Does anything ever pop out of your suit in a race: Boobs pop out all the time in races and in sprints you can't put them away, so you just keep on swimming.
So at your next home meet we can expect to see hairy women, urinating all over each other with their breasts exposed: Yes **I'll see you there.**

Women's hockey starts off strong

Continentals win two after falling to Middlebury

by Andrew DeCastro '05
SPORTS WRITER

The women's hockey team has started its season on a positive note, winning two straight after a tough loss to Middlebury in the season opener. Its latest victory came against cross-town rival Utica College, 3-1. Hamilton came out flying, scoring the game's first two goals. Zoe Baldwin '06 netted two goals for the Continentals. Captain Jen Kroleski '03 proved to be a true leader, allowing only one goal on thirty-four pioneer shots. To start the two game winning streak, the Continentals beat NESCAC rival Williams by the score of 4-2. Assistant captain Paula Dady '03 led all scorers with three points, getting one goal and two assists. Jane Bradley '06 had the knack for putting the puck in the net, scoring two goals.

Sophomore sensation Marissa Halligan showed she's a mastermind around the net, getting two assists. Prior to the two game winning streak, the Continentals faced a stacked Middlebury team and lost, 6-3. Baldwin got her first collegiate hat trick, contributing all three goals to the Continentals efforts. The women's team has every reason to be confident as they enter the middle of the reason. With twelve returnees, the Continentals have leadership, experience, and improved skills that should prove instrumental in their success. Coach Shannon Bryant enters her third season behind the bench, and is extremely positive about the outlook for the remainder of the season.

"We have a solid core of returning players from last year. Combine them with a talented group of freshmen who will make an immediate impact in games, we have every reason to be excited for the rest of the season. We have more depth this year than last. Having three solid lines will be helpful. Last year with two lines, towards the end of the game, we got a little tired. It's tough to play sixty minutes, at that pace, with two lines," said Bryant.

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Senior Heather Hoffay (12) races up ice.

Hamilton's success depends on the leadership and experience brought by the returning core. Dady, Hamilton's top scorer a year ago, will need to mirror her success. In addition, if Halligan improves on her solid production last year as a freshman, Hamilton should have two deadly offensive weapons up front. Hamilton's defensemen core will be lead by assistant captain Nathana Allen '03 and Sara Baldwin '04. Allen's senior leadership and experience will enable her to communicate with the rest of the defensive core. Baldwin, arguably Hamilton's top defenseman a year ago, is crucial to Hamilton's success.

As is with most cases, a hockey team's success is dependent upon the goaltending. Thankfully, the Continentals goalie is Kroleski. Kroleski, in three games, has faced over 130 shots. Clearly she's been a main reason for the Continentals winning two of their first three. Coach Bryant says that Kroleski "is stopping the shots she needs to stop, and is even stopping the shots she's not suppose to stop." Hamilton will take their two-game winning streak on the road against Bowdoin and Colby this weekend.

Bowdoin, currently ranked 2nd in Division III hockey, will be a gut-check for the Continentals. Colby, another NESCAC rival, has had success against Hamilton in the past. But coach Bryant remarks that, "if we stay disciplined, and have team confidence, we can play with these teams."

Women's cross-country ends season

Sends three to NCAA on individual times

by Michael Everhart '03
SPORTS WRITER

The women's cross-country team put the finishing touches on another successful season before Thanksgiving break. On November 16 the team competed in the NCAA Atlantic Regional Championships, hosted by the College of NJ (TCNJ) at Washington Crossing State Park in Titusville, NJ.

In some of the muddiest conditions the Continentals have ever seen they finished fifth out 29 teams with 140 points. SUNY Geneseo, Ithaca College, TCNJ, and SUNY Cortland finished first through fourth, respectively, while Cortland was only 13 points ahead of Hamilton. Rival St. Lawrence University finished 29 points behind in sixth place. By not finishing in the top four as a team Hamilton did not qualify for the NCAA Championships the following weekend.

Coach Ellen Hull said, "We were disappointed that we didn't qualify for NCAAs, but we felt that we ran very well as a team. Missing out on qualifying by 13 points isn't very much. Some people had some great performances in New Jersey."

Leading the team as she has all season was Alyson Grant '04. She finished sixth overall with a time of 23:15 over the 6-km course. She finished just behind TCNJ's top runner and was 11 seconds behind Cortland's Liz Ackley, who finished second. Her finish qualified her for NCAAs the following weekend. Julianna Allport '05 finished 15th with a time of 23:54, just 7 seconds behind Ithaca's #2 runner.

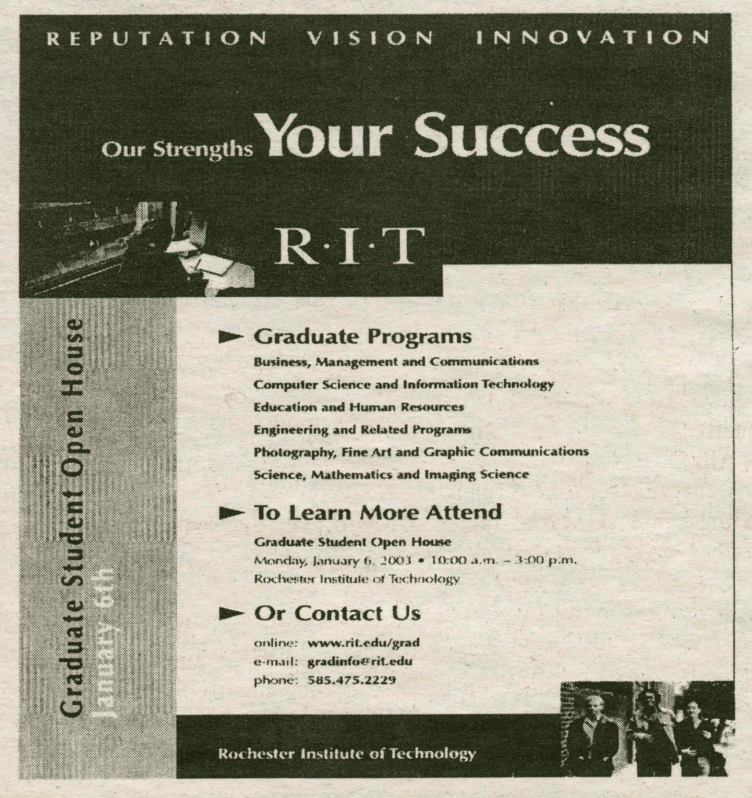
Hull said, "Julianna had a tremendous race and nearly qualified for NCAAs." Indeed, she was three spots and 16 seconds away from qualifying. The next finisher for the Continentals was Sarah Taylor '03, who, in her first and last Regional meet, finished 34th with a time of 24:36. By finishing in the top 35 Grant, Allport, and Taylor were all named to the All-Atlantic Regional team. Allport and Grant also made the team in 2000 and 2001, respectively.

Grant said, "We all gave it our best effort, which is all we could ask of ourselves, but unfortunately it wasn't enough to qualify us as a team. We still had a very good meet." Christine Campbell '04 and Margo Rockwell '05 rounded out the top five by finishing 41st and 44th with times of 24:51 and 25:00. Katie Riposta '06 finished 64th with a time of 25:40, while Keira Moore '06 rounded out the team by finishing 90th with a time of 26:18.

After showing that she is one of the top runners in the region, Grant and Hull flew out to St. Olaf College (Northfield, MN) for NCAAs, which were held on November 23. For the fourth consecutive year at least one Hamilton runner has qualified for NCAAs. Grant was part of the 2000 squad that finished 15th; she finished 89th individually as a freshman. She said, "I had a great time at NCAAs, although I did miss my teammates. When you're there by yourself it's a different experience." On Saturday the women raced at noon under good conditions: temperatures in the 40s, windy but sunny, and firm footing. Williams and Middlebury finished first and second with scores of 42 and 145. Rivals Ithaca, TCNJ, Geneseo, and Cortland finished seventh, 11th, 15th, and 17th, respectively. Grant finished 41st out of 215 runners with a time of 22:38.9, 1:13 behind Geneseo's Melissa White, the top runner from the region, and just 4.7 seconds behind Ackley.

Hull said, "I was extremely pleased with Alyson's performance. She had a huge PR (personal record). She ended the season with two great meets." Her time at Regionals, 23:15, had been her PR until NCAAs. Hull added, "She ran well throughout the entire course and was part of a very competitive pack." There were nearly 60 runners (from #16 to #85) who finished within 30 seconds of her.

With a young team this season (only one senior competed at Regionals), the Continentals are excited about next fall as they make the transition to indoor track. Moore said, "We want to get back to NCAAs as a team and are looking forward to next season. We just need to stay healthy so we can be at our best." With some strong underclassmen the team has a good chance of remaining one of the top teams in the region.



Sports

Continentals rout first two challengers

by Brett Zalaski '03
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton College men's basketball team (2-0) quickly and efficiently disposed of local rivals SUNY-Utica/Rome (0-1) and Utica College (2-1) in their first two games of the season. While tested in the first half of both games, the Continentals were able to use a stifling defense and improved shooting in the second halves to pull away from each of their competitors.

In their season-opening victory at SUNY-Utica/Rome, the Continentals used solid frontcourt play from Joe Finley '03 and Joe Smith '04 to lead them to victory, 80-71. While Smith was outstanding in scoring 14 points and ripping down 16 boards, the night belonged to Joe Finley.

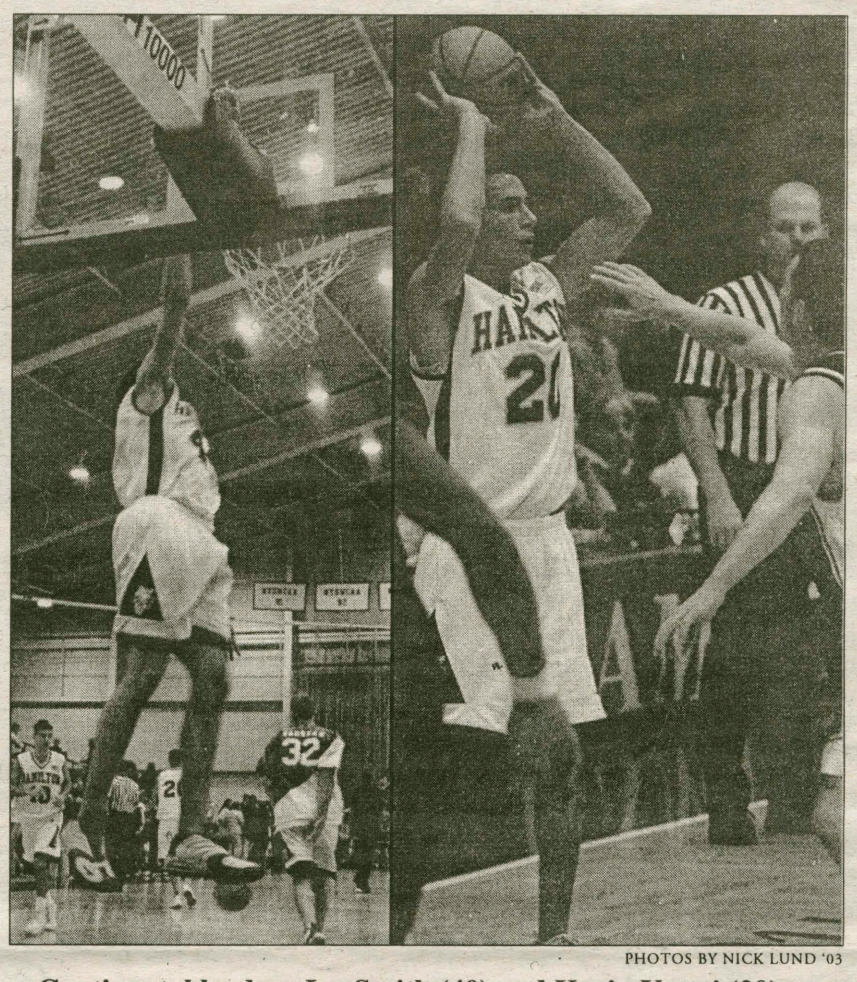
At the 15 minute mark in the first half, Finley's lay-up, his fourth point in the game, gave him 1,000 points in his illustrious career. Finley is the 26th player in Hamilton's distinguished basketball history to score 1,000 points. For the game, Finley ended with 23 points and 16 rebounds, team-highs in both categories. Kevin Yanni added 15 points, including sharp-shooting three out of five shots from behind the three-point line.

Before the Continentals second game against Utica College, Finley was honored by Coach Tom Murphy for his 1,000 career points for the Buff-and-Blue. Going into Thursday night's game, Finley had scored 1,043 points in his career, and had led the Continentals into post-season play in each of his three years on the Hill. He was a first-team UCAA all-conference representative last year, as well as being a NABC East Region Division III All-American last year. For his performance in the first week of this season, Finley was named UCAA player of the week.

In the second game, and the first Continental home contest, an undefeated and pesky Utica College team played 35 tough minutes against the Continentals before bowing late to the superior Hamilton talent. The Continentals were once again led by dynamic duo of Finley and Smith, as each recorded their second consecutive double-double. Finley had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and Smith had 12 points and 10 rebounds to lead Hamilton. Tim Fesko '03 came off the bench to add 11 points to aid the Continental attack.

The deep shooting of Willie Lucas (20 points), and the slashing style of Marquis Jones (15 points) led the Utica College offense.

On Thursday night in the Field House, the Continentals dropped a back-and-forth contest against a solid Middlebury team.



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Continental leaders Joe Smith (40) and Kevin Yanni (20)

Trailing most of the game, the Continentals fought back to take the lead with just over five minutes left. The Panthers, however, rallied to notch the 90-88 victory.

The Continentals have some upcoming home contests against another non-conference foe in Hilbert, on December 7th at 3 PM. This concludes the team's schedule before break.

After a short Christmas break for the student-athletes, Hamilton will travel to Orlando, Florida, to participate in the Amerisport Land of Magic Classic, and then to York, Pennsylvania, to compete in the York University Tournament.

With their depth, nine players averaging above six minutes a game, and their strong frontcourt play, the experienced Continentals will look to have a very successful 2002-2003 season.

Women's basketball season begins

Rookie-laden team takes one of three

by Josh Sargen '03
SPORTS WRITER

Youth is great for collegiate athletic programs. It provides a foundation for a team to grow upon. However, in the short-run, youth is frustrating because it has to be molded and it will inevitably make numerous mistakes. The 2002-2003 Hamilton basketball team is very young.

Seven freshmen comprise the sixteen-person roster along with three sophomores. This young talent will be counted on immediately to make an impact and contribute to the Continentals season.

Five freshmen in particular have impacted the Continentals first three games: Erin Daugherty, Alicia Giglio, Kim Beevers, Jessica Gorman, and Jessica Pisegna.

Daugherty and Giglio, along with Larissa Hopkins '04, have taken on the difficult responsibility of handling the point for the young Continentals. The freshmen were thrust into this position by the season ending knee injury to last year's starting point guard Liz Casey '03.

The point guard is a critical position on any team and in particular on a squad with an abundance of inexperienced players. What distinguishes this position from the four other positions on the floor is that the point guard is responsible for getting the team into its offensive sets as well as manning the top of most defensive systems. The point guard gets other players involved offensively and can set the tone defensively. Thus, Daugherty and Giglio will have to direct other players on the court while learning the offense and defense themselves.

Fortunately for the Continentals, the team has a handful of experienced players who can ease the freshmen?s transition into the collegiate game. All six seniors and juniors on the roster will see significant minutes this season. Jen Munoz '04 leads the way with her ability to score consistently and rebound the ball. Avery Anderson '03, Lara Baron '03, Stephanie Dunn '03, and Holy Erick '04 provide the team with an interior presence that should allow the Continentals to control the boards in most of their contests.

Along with the upperclassmen, Missy Nelson '05, Tricia Czeski '05 and Anna Jablonski '05 will see significant minutes this season. Nelson and Czeski will be counted upon to strengthen the backcourt at shooting guard and Jablonski will see a lot of minutes at power forward.

With the list of names that are mentioned above, it is apparent that one of the Continentals' greatest assets this season will be their depth. Hamilton runs thirteen deep. This will be a tremendous advantage for the Continentals in the latter part of the season when teams with only six or seven players are showing the wear and tear of a long year.

Once Coach Julie Diehl figures out a consistent rotation, the Continentals will be able to maintain their freshness throughout the season. In the meantime, Coach Diehl recognizes that "we have a lot of depth. Any kid could step into the lineup on any night-we have enough talent."

Furthermore, this depth will allow the team to implement different types of systems that are predicated on movement and running. For example, with the team's personnel, they can probably run different presses and make teams handle the ball effectively against them.

For now, Coach Diehl insists she is trying to get the basic systems going. With a young team, I am trying to get people where they are supposed to be. We first need to learn are defensive bases, and as people get more comfortable with that, the offense will come on too. The Continentals have already had three tests in their early season.

On November 22 and 23, Hamilton competed in the NYU Tournament in New York City. There, the team faced a difficult opponent in their first contest of the season, defending SUNYAC champion Brockport. Brockport is loaded with talent, which includes a Division I transfer at point guard, and last year's conference player of the year, Krista Clark.

Despite Brockport's experience, the Continentals played a competitive game in which they ended up losing 76-62. Jen Munoz led the way with a double double, putting up seventeen points and thirteen rebounds. Missy Nelson played a solid game netting sixteen points and pulling down five rebounds.

One day later, Hamilton bounced back and fought out a scrappy 67-62 victory over Farmingdale State. Munoz again led the way 18 points and 12 rebounds. After Thanksgiving break, the Continentals traveled to Utica College. There, the team stumbled to a 56-45 loss that disappointed Coach Diehl. "Utica bothered us. We got outworked and things didn't fall our way. Utica was a dip and we need to get back up to where we want to be."

Looking back on the team's early play, it is obvious that the Continentals will need to cut down on their turnovers. The team committed seventy-nine turnovers in three games and this can be attributed to their youth and inexperience. However, the Continentals should improve consistently throughout the season. With their combination of depth and talent, Hamilton should make an appearance at the UCAA tournament.